Renting a Home: Good Neighbors

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Good neighbors make a good neighborhood.

A good neighborhood has:

- **Privacy.**
  - Quiet, no noise pollution.
  - Controlled children and pets.
- **Safety.**
  - There is no fear of verbal or physical abuse.
  - Children play outside without harm.
  - Cooperative residents respect their property and the rights of their neighbors.
  - No stray or unsupervised animals.
  - Crime free.
- **Appearance.**
  - Premises are clean and orderly.
  - No junked vehicles.
  - No overflowing trash.

You are a good neighbor when you:

- Keep your home neat and clean.
- Make sure there is no trash or clutter in your yard including bottles, packages and garbage.
- Keep lids on trash containers, avoid overflowing containers and promptly remove the trash containers after trash and garbage collection.
- Supervise children so they do not annoy others, vandalize or destroy property. Don’t yell or scream at children.
- Manage pets so they do not roam, cross into other’s yards for “bathroom breaks,” bark or create a nuisance. Control your pets.
  
  **Animal Control Number** ________________.
- Behave courteously and politely to your neighbors. Avoid disagreements and especially angry responses. Cool heads and polite responses prevent problems.
- Work with your neighbors to keep your community neat and safe. Organize or join a neighborhood crime watch if there is one to keep the neighborhood safe. **Crime Watch Number** ________________.

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