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Renting a Home: Good Neighbors¹

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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 of	r
	create a nuisance. Control your pets.	

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- 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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