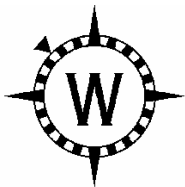


Neighborhood Relations



YOUR NEIGHBORS



Students are Part of a Larger Community

Your First Home (or Apartment) of Your Own!

When you and your friends sign a lease, you've taken a major step as an independent adult. With those privileges also come responsibilities. Willamette University encourages you to be a good neighbor in whichever area of Salem that you choose to live. Your actions help ensure Willamette students maintain a good reputation in our larger community.

Tips on Being a Good Neighbor:

Introduce yourself

Make a point of meeting your neighbors. Give them your name and phone number. They'll be impressed with your openness, and it starts a relationship of trust and respect.

Pay attention to visuals

The look of your home will have a big impact on how your neighbors react to you. Some hints if you're in a house: keep furniture inside, don't hang signs or banners in windows, clean up bottles and litter. Talk to your landlord to be clear on your responsibilities for mowing grass, raking leaves, and shoveling snow. Look for ways to make small property improvements your neighbors will notice. Follow garbage collection schedules and rules. If you're in an apartment, make sure to keep door decorations appropriate.

Follow parking and traffic rules

Play it safe - slow down in residential areas. Parking can be a real problem. Plan on having only as many vehicles as you have proper parking spaces. Parking is not allowed on sidewalks, lawns, within 15 feet of fire hydrants, or in front of bus stops. Parking on the street may be regulated in your area. For more information on parking see: www.cityofsalem.net.

Be discreet and considerate

Your neighbors may be offended by casual swearing, drinking alcohol, or too much physical closeness, on your porch or front lawn or in a public area. So, consideration is recommended - please move indoors.

Keep it quiet

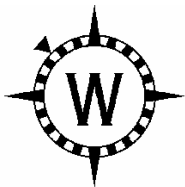
Hey, be kind - your neighbors' jobs and/or children mean they're getting up early every day! Besides, noise at any time of the day is illegal if it is considered a nuisance by your neighbors and carries a large fine. Keep this in mind: please don't sing, chant, yell, slam doors, honk your car horn, play loud music in the yard - you get the picture, right? Hint: noise carries a lot further at night, so save your good spirits until you're inside with the doors and windows closed.

Party responsibly

Need to make Big Noise? If you're going to have a party, let your neighbors know. They may be more tolerant if you don't surprise them. Limit the number of guests and keep the party inside. Plan parking for your friends, and clean up afterwards. For more information on safe parties, see the off campus pamphlet titled "Safe Parties."

The police may immediately respond to big parties and noise complaints, and will press charges. Don't give yourself that kind of hassle - you could wind up in court, paying hundreds of dollars in fines. Make sure you are aware of the number of friends, those of legal age to consume alcohol, your noise levels, etc. and you will have a safe and fun time!

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Be friendly

Wave and say hello when you see your neighbors, stop to say a few words, wish them a good weekend. Offers to help will score big time: rake leaves, clean the snow now and then from a neighbor's sidewalk, give a ride to a neighbor who doesn't drive, volunteer to baby sit in emergencies, share a magazine subscription.

Handle problems politely

If you're a good neighbor, it's not likely that you'll meet an unfriendly reaction. But if you do, it probably means your neighbors have had a problem in the past, so just be polite and make sure their experience with you will help change their minds. If your neighbors have a complaint about you, listen, try to see it from their perspective, and change whatever you can. Don't get involved in major disputes - yelling, swearing, increasing the complained about- activity, are all a waste of your energy and bad for your reputation and Willamette's. If you have any questions on how you can approach this situation, seek advice from campus faculty, staff, and administrators for ideas.



Salem's Neighborhood Associations

How to Make a Difference in Your Neighborhood

Each of Salem's 19 Neighborhood Associations meets on a regular basis to discuss issues that pertain to the neighborhood. Most Associations meet in the evenings, but some meet in the early morning. Neighborhood Associations are recognized by City Council as an official voice of the community. Associations make recommendations to City Council and take action in their own neighborhood. Topics that are frequently on Neighborhood Association agendas include:

- Neighborhood Crime and Crime Prevention
- Traffic and Transportation Planning
- Land Use (zoning, planning, new construction, renovations, etc.)
- Neighborhood Parks and Park Partnerships
- Community Events and Activities

For more information on Neighborhood Associations, see:

<http://www.cityofsalem.net/~scserv/neighbor/nainfo.htm>

Staying Involved While Living Off Campus

Students who live off campus are still part of the Willamette community! Stay involved with student activities and other aspects of life at Willamette!

Often times, students who move off campus feel like their time as a student leader is also at an end. Nothing could be further from the truth! The Willamette community needs students from a wide variety of experiences to continue to lead on our campus!

For more information on how to get involved on campus, contact the Office of Student Activities at (503) 370-6463 or stop by their office on the second floor of the University Center (UC).