BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Good neighboring is one of the many things that makes Fort Collins such a great community. Getting to know your neighbors early means you are more likely to solve issues with one another, rather than depending on a third party (i.e. law enforcement). Here are a few key tips to good neighboring:

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**INTRODUCE YOURSELF**
- A simple “hello” goes a long way. This is the first step in building a good relationship. Grow the relationship throughout the year. This is also a great time to share contact information to promote easy communication.

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**ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP**
- Neighborly gestures contribute to a positive and welcoming neighborhood for all. Shoveling snow for your neighbor who may need assistance is a welcomed gesture and can come back tenfold when you need help.

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**RESPECT DIFFERENCES**
- Age, faith, ethnicity, and family status are just some of the things that make us different and have an impact on how we go about our daily lives. Be aware and respectful of differences between you and your neighbors.
**BE AWARE OF NEIGHBORHOOD EXPECTATIONS & CITY ORDINANCES**

- Be aware of not only the local laws and ordinances, but also your neighborhood’s rules. Every neighborhood, homeowner’s association, or apartment complex has its own set of additional policies you must follow.

**KEEP NEIGHBORS INFORMED**

- Contact your neighbors in advance about things that may affect them, like throwing a party, building a fence, or getting a dog. Share contact information so there is an easy way of communicating during any event you might host or if other questions arise.

**BE ASSERTIVE**

- If your neighbor does something that bothers you, respectfully let them know as soon as possible. If you cannot work out a fair compromise, consider using the free and confidential mediation services offered by the City of Fort Collins Community Mediation Program (970) 224-6022. If you are a CSU student, you can access these services through Conflict Resolution Services at the CSU Student Resolution Center: (970) 491-7165.
NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY
Here are a few things to note when living in City of Fort Collins neighborhoods. For more information, visit: fcgov.com/neighborhoodservices.

PARKING & STORING VEHICLES
• Vehicles parking on the streets must park facing the same direction as traffic, cannot block driveways or sidewalks, and must be moved every 48 hours.
• Trailers of any kind cannot be stored on the street.
• Vehicles, including trailers and campers, may not park on yards. This includes during CSU stadium events. To report, call the Nuisance Hotline at: (970) 416-2200.
• Inoperable vehicles, not currently licensed or incapable of operating, may not be stored in public view. To report parking violations, call Fort Collins Police Services at (970) 419-3273.

PETS
• Legally permitted pets must be licensed, vaccinated, and leashed if they are not confined to your yard.
• Complaints about dog barking or animal waste can be directed to Animal Control at (970) 226-3647 ext. 7.
• There are several parks and open spaces near campus where you can walk your pets on a leash including City Park, Rolland Moore Park, Avery Park and Red Fox Meadows. There is also an off-leash dog park nearby at Spring Canyon Park.
TRASH/WEEDS/OUTDOOR STORAGE
• No furniture designed for indoor use can be placed in your yard or on an unenclosed porch.
• Weeds and grass cannot exceed a height of 6” in yards or alleys, or 12” in fields or lots.
• Trash must be stored out of sight in plastic/metal cans with tight-fitting lids or in sealed plastic bags, cannot be left out for more than 12 hours before or after trash collection, and cannot interfere with pedestrians, bicyclists, or vehicles.

OCCUPANCY & RENTAL STANDARDS
• The Occupancy Ordinance, known as the “U+2” ordinance, states: Occupancy in a residential dwelling unit (detached, duplex, and multi-family) is restricted to 3 unrelated persons OR 1 family and 1 additional person.
• Basic elements necessary for safe housing include adequate heating facilities, safe electrical systems, emergency exits, and both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
• For safety concerns in your living space and to schedule a rental inspection please visit fcgov.com/building or contact James Warren for the City of Fort Collins at (970) 416-2359 or jwarren@fcgov.com.

SNOW REMOVAL
• Sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of accumulation. Failure to do so will result in you paying for the City to shovel.
MORE YOU NEED TO KNOW
Here are a few ordinances that are important to highlight. Report an issue to Fort Collins Police Services: (970) 419-3273.

ALCOHOL
- Fort Collins has a strict open container law, even for those 21+
- It is illegal to sell alcohol without a license; this includes selling cups at a keg party or taking donations.

Providing alcohol to minors:
- If the minor is over 18 but under 21, it is a criminal misdemeanor with penalties of up to 18 months in prison and a $5,000 fine.
- If a minor is under 18, the crime is a felony punishable by up to 6 years in prison and a $500,000 fine.

RIOT
- Public disturbance involving 3+ people plus property damage.
- Watching a riot is considered engaging in one.
- If violated it can result in a felony, costly fines, and/or possible jail time.
- Cannot attend a Colorado public college/university for at least one year if convicted.
NUISANCE GATHERING ORDINANCE
- Holds party host(s) accountable for behaviors, on and off the property, around trash and litter, public urination, underage drinking, vandalism, etc.
- Holds party host(s) accountable for property damage as a result of the gathering.
- Criminal misdemeanor with a fine of $1,000+, potential cost of damages, and more.

UNREASONABLE NOISE ORDINANCE
- The Unreasonable Noise Ordinance is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- It is a combination of time of day, day of week, type and level of noise that determine if it’s too loud.
- Criminal misdemeanor, fine of $1,000+, and potential follow-up from the Student Resolution Center at CSU.

TOBACCO AND SMOKING DEVICES
- CSU: Smoking on any CSU property is prohibited.
- City: In addition to restaurants and bars, smoking is prohibited in Old Town, on city property including all city parks, trails, natural areas. Smoking is also prohibited at all Transfort facilities.

MARIJUANA
- Colorado law permits those who are 21+ to use recreational marijuana within a private residence.
- It is NOT LEGAL to consume marijuana in public, sell or transfer to others, drive under the influence, or possess more than one ounce.
- The use and possession of marijuana is prohibited on all CSU property, regardless of age.
PARTY SMART

- **Register your party:** Party Registration is available for any party year-round. By registering your party, you may receive a warning from Fort Collins Police Services Dispatch if there are complaints or concerns about noise. If you break up your party within 20 minutes of being notified, you may avoid a visit from police, $1,000+ noise citation and/or a criminal misdemeanor. This program is not a guarantee that a citation will not be issued. In order to be eligible, you must register by the Thursday before your party.

- All CSU students can register in-person at Off-Campus Life. All other city residents can register at Neighborhood Services. All party registrants who don’t receive a warning or citation can then utilize the online registration system. For more information, visit partysmart.colostate.edu.

- **Discuss party expectations with roommates:** things such as date, time, guests, clean-up, sober host, etc.

- **Notify neighbors in advance:** provide them your name or sober host’s and contact information -- the phone number you will be checking throughout the party.

- **Designate a sober host:** monitor and control noise, outside disturbances, interactions with neighbors and police. Think before you post: social media can spread word of your party further than you might anticipate. You are responsible for your guests’ actions.

- **Keep the size reasonable:** more people means more noise and a greater chance for a costly citation.
• **Be proactive:** if you are uncomfortable with the size of your party and/or people are not leaving despite your requests, call Fort Collins Police Services at (970) 419-3273 for assistance.

• **Be cooperative:** towards neighbors, police, and others who come to discuss issues from your party. Your interaction with police can have an impact on the type of citation and consequences.

• **Clean up:** After your party, clean up and check in with your neighbors. They may be more tolerant of your next party if they see you respecting the neighborhood.

**DOWNTOWN AFTER DARK**

Going downtown after dark? Run through this checklist before you head out for the night!

*Is my phone charged?*
  • Dead battery = no way to call for a ride or find friends if you get separated.

*Do I trust the people I’m going out with not to ditch me?*
  • There’s safety in numbers, so stick with a group that will stick together. No friend left behind!

*How am I getting home?*
  • If you are partying, make sure you’ve got a plan to get home safely once the fun is done. CSU students, check out the RamRide website for ride options at ramride.colostate.edu.

*Do I have a way to pay?*
  • Just in case you get separated from friends, or your designated driver can no longer drive, make sure you have a way to pay for a ride home if needed.

*Does someone know my plan?*
  • Before you head out, tell someone where you are going and when you plan to be back.
TRANSPORTATION

EXPANDED TRANSPORT SERVICE

• All RamCard holders ride Transfort for free. Transfort operates Monday – Saturday with many routes serving the CSU campus.

• Use the Transfort App for real-time arrivals!
• Visit ridetransfort.com for more information.
• **Around the Horn:** Operates every 10 minutes during peak hours and 20 minutes during off-peak hours and CSU breaks.
• **Foothills Shuttle:** Operates Monday-Friday year round (except CSU holidays) on the Foothills Campus. From the main CSU campus take route 2 or 32 and transfer at Elizabeth & Overland.
• **FLEX:** Regional service between Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud, Longmont, and Boulder. Monday – Saturday. Free with RamCard.
• **Poudre Express:** Operates between CSU and UNC with stops in Fort Collins, Windsor, and Greeley. Free with RamCard.
• **Zipcar:** Car share that offers car rental by the hour. Visit zipcar.com to sign up.
• **Bustang:** Connects commuters and travelers to and from Denver, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Vail, Glenwood Springs and more. Visit ridebustang.com. Additional charges apply.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

• Expanded RP3 Zones: Parking restrictions apply in the neighborhoods around campus. Vehicles without a permit may park in zones where there is a time limit; they can only park in that zone once per day. For more information visit: fcgov.com/parking/residential-parking-permit.
**RAMRIDE**
- RamRide is Colorado State University's free, safe ride program. CSU students, check out the RamRide website for a variety of ride options at ramride.colostate.edu.

**FC BIKES**
- FC Bikes is the city’s program working to make Fort Collins the best place in the nation to ride a bike. Biking is a big part of the culture of Fort Collins and a number of students and community members bike every day. The City of Fort Collins and Colorado State University are equipped with a number of bike paths, bike lanes and bike rack parking. If you have your bike on campus, you will need to register it with CSUPD. If you are interested in adding biking to your daily routine, check out these resources for more information on bike safety, bicycle-related projects, maps, events, classes, and other resources:
  
  **City of Fort Collins FC Bikes:**
  fcgov.com/bicycling.

  **CSU Parking and Transportation Services:**
  pts.colostate.edu/transportation-options/bicycle-general.

**ESCOOTERS**
- E-scooter and e-bike share around Fort Collins allows for people to get around town quickly, while cutting down on CO2 emissions. These devices, provided by the company Spin, have an easy start with your phone. The rider downloads the app that shows where to find e-scooters or e-bikes nearby and once they do, they scan the QR code on the device that allows them to start it. For more information visit: spin.app.
The Principles of Community support the Colorado State University mission and vision of access, research, teaching, service, and engagement. A collaborative, and vibrant community is a foundation for learning, critical inquiry, and discovery. Therefore, each member of the CSU community has a responsibility to uphold these principles when engaging with one another and acting on behalf of the University.

**INCLUSION**

- We create and nurture inclusive environments and welcome, value, and affirm all members of our community, including their various identities, skills, ideas, talents, and contributions.

**INTEGRITY**

- We are accountable for our actions and will act ethically and honestly in all our interactions.

**RESPECT**

- We honor the inherent dignity of all people within an environment where we are committed to freedom of expression, critical discourse, and the advancement of knowledge.

**SERVICE**

- We are responsible, individually, and collectively, to give our time, talents, and resources to promote the well-being of each other and the development of our local, regional, and global communities.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

- We have the right to be treated and the responsibility to treat others with fairness and equity, the duty to challenge prejudice, and to uphold the laws, policies and procedures that promote justice in all respects.
BIAS REPORTING
- Colorado State University takes great pride in its status as a land-grant institution, created to provide access to education to all who have a desire and will to learn. In alignment with this status and in pursuit of its goal to allow all University members to realize their full potential, CSU affirms and upholds the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Any act of hate or bias is counter to the university’s Principles of Community.
- A bias incident is any conduct, speech, or expression, motivated in whole or in part by bias or prejudice that is meant to intimidate, demean, mock, degrade, marginalize, or threaten individuals or groups based on that individual or group’s actual or perceived identities. For more information visit: biasreporting.colostate.edu.

YOUR ACTIONS HAVE IMPACT
- Your actions off campus impact you on campus. They also may impact others.
- Citations issued to CSU students are forwarded to Student Conduct Services at the CSU Student Resolution Center.
- Conflict Resolution Services at the CSU Student Resolution Center will assist students through a voluntary, neutral, and confidential process when conflicts, disputes, or issues arise.
- For more information, call (970) 491-7165 or visit: resolutioncenter.colostate.edu.

BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT
- Operating from The Office of Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement (SLiCE), Rams Against Hunger offers a menu of services that support students, faculty and staff experiencing food insecurity. Services include a food pantry, a meal-swipe program, pocket pantries, and in-person assistance with navigating federal aid eligibility. Learn more: ramsagainsthunger.colostate.edu.
- Student Case Management at CSU has a variety of support services available to students. Learn more here: studentcasemanagement.colostate.edu/community-resources.
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

--- CANVAS STADIUM FOOTBALL ---

- To learn more about gameday, please visit CSURams.com/footballgameday. This website includes information about parking, tailgating, transportation, game tickets and more. Be a fan on and off campus and come to campus to watch the Rams tear them asunder!
- Residential parking restrictions will be enforced on gamedays.

--- RENTALSEARCH ---

- Are you looking for off-campus housing near CSU? RentalSearch is the best place to start. Whether you’re a first-year student transitioning out of the residence halls, a faculty member looking for housing, or an international or transfer student looking for a place near campus, Off-Campus Life staff members are available to support you through your search. We can help you get connected to apartment and property managers, help you find a roommate, learn about city codes and ordinances and how they might influence your off-campus living experience, learn about the benefits of good neighboring, and more! Visit rentalsearch.colostate.edu.

--- FORT COLLINS UTILITIES: ---

- **Moving in or out?** Start or stop utility service at fcgov.com/start-stop-utilities.
- **Looking for ways to lower your utility bill?** Utilities partners with local organizations to provide efficiency, conservation and bill payment assistance programs, including low- or no-cost resources. See details at fcgov.com/utilities-affordability.
- **How is your electric use billed?** When you use electricity is just as important as how much you use. Time of Day structure has two levels of pricing – off-peak and on-peak – and two seasons – non-summer and summer. Off-peak prices are approximately 70% less than on-peak prices. Learn more at fcgov.com/TOD.
**COMMUNITY MEDIATION PROGRAMS**
- Free, confidential, voluntary service designed to resolve neighborhood problems.
- Issues might include noise, pets, property maintenance, parking, and landlord/tenant disputes.
- Call (970) 224-6022 for more information.
- If you are a CSU student you can get FREE mediation services through CSU’s Student Resolution Center: (970) 491-7165.

**STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES**
- Are you a CSU student with a concern about an ordinance, got a citation, just have questions about your next step, looking for information? Student Legal Services is here for you. We can answer your questions, help you navigate a process, and much more at: sls.colostate.edu or (970) 491-1482.

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