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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY



City of  
Fort Collins

# BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Good neighboring helps make Fort Collins 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:

## INTRODUCE YOURSELF



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.



## ADOPT A NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

The Adopt A Neighbor program gives volunteers a chance to rise up and help elderly, disabled, or limited income neighbors in need. Volunteers help residents needing an extra hand shoveling snow, delivering groceries, yard work, or other tasks. To volunteer or request assistance, email [adoptaneighbor@fcgov.com](mailto:adoptaneighbor@fcgov.com) or call/text (970) 343-4826.

## RESPECT DIFFERENCES



Age, faith, ethnicity, and family status are just some of the things that make us different and impact 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.

# **MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS**

# NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY



Here are a few things to note when living in City of Fort Collins neighborhoods. For more information, scan the QR code.



## PARKING & STORING VEHICLES

Vehicles on 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, including 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 many 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 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 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 scan the QR code or email [buildingservices@fcgov.com](mailto:buildingservices@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.

# **FORT COLLINS NEIGHBORHOODS**

# 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:

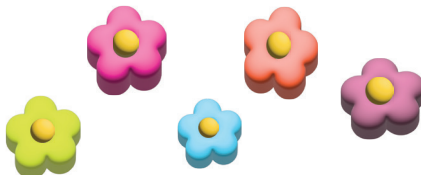
If the minor is over 18 but under 21, it is a criminal misdemeanor with penalties of up to 18 months in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

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, and you 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 determines 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 two ounces.  
The use and possession of marijuana is prohibited on all CSU property, regardless of age.

# PARTY REGISTRATION

*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 the PartySmart website by scanning here.

## PARTY SUCCESS TIPS



*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.

*Noise to and from your party:* neighbors typically report that it is the behaviors of people "coming and going" to the party they find most disruptive, not the party itself. Encourage your guests to be quiet and respectful before they come and when they leave, as well as when in the front or backyard.

*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](http://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.

# PARTY SMART

# TRANSPORTATION



## TRANSFORT BUS SERVICE

All Transfort service is currently fare-free including MAX, HORN, FLEX & Foothills Shuttle. Transfort operates Monday-Saturday with many routes serving the CSU campus.

*Use the [ridetransfort](#) app for real-time information!*

*Around the Horn:* Operates Monday-Friday every 20 minutes.

*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.

*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. Scan to sign up.



*Bustang:* Connects commuters and travelers to and from Denver, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Vail, Glenwood Springs and more. Additional charges apply. Scan for more.

## RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM



*RP3 Zones:* Parking restrictions apply in neighborhoods around campus. Please follow all posted signs. Vehicles without a permit may park in zones where there is a time limit only once per day for the allotted time. Scan to learn more.





## RAMRIDE

RamRide is Colorado State University's free, safe ride program. CSU students, check out the RamRide website for a variety of ride options by scanning the QR code here.



## 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:



CSU Parking and  
Transportation Services:



## 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, scan the QR code.



# TRANSPORTATION

# RESOURCES

## THE PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY

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



CSU 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 scan the QR code.

## 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 info, call (970) 491-7165 or scan the QR code.

## 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. Scan for more.



Student Case Management at CSU has a variety of support services available to students.

Learn about other basic needs support here.

# RESOURCES

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## CANVAS STADIUM FOOTBALL



Scan to learn more about gameday. This website includes info about parking, tailgating, transportation, game tickets and more. Residential parking restrictions will be enforced on gamedays.

## RENTALSEARCH



Looking for off-campus housing near CSU? RentalSearch is the 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 is 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!

## FORT COLLINS UTILITIES:



Moving in or out? Start or stop utility service by scanning the QR code here.



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 by scanning here.



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 by scanning the QR code here.



## 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 info.

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. Call (970) 491-1482 or scan the QR code.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### Off-Campus Life

281 Lory Student Center, Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, CO 80523  
(970) 491-2248

### Neighborhood Services

281 N College Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 224-6046

### CSU Police Department

750 Meridian Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80523  
(970) 491-6425

### Fort Collins Police Services

2221 S Timberline Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80525  
(970) 419-3273



Scan here to take our survey!

Give us your thoughts on this year's Community Welcome and be entered for a chance to win a Good Neighbor Prize Pack!