

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD

COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS, THE KEY TO GOOD COHABITATION!

Are you bothered by a neighbor's actions? Talk it over with him first. Explain the various things that are bothering you and affecting your quality of life. It's possible that he never even thought it could bother you.

Surprisingly, every year the Municipality receives around a hundred complaints about neighborhood nuisances. Before filing a complaint, calling the Municipality or the police, we encourage you to talk to your neighbors.

Here are a few tips and tricks to help you maintain harmony between you and your neighbors.

Tolerance – Respect – Consideration – Discussion
are the key words!



THOSE DISTURBING NOISES

Background noises

Lawn mower, leaf blower, snow blower:

A beautiful, freshly cut green lawn, a yard free of dead leaves and a snow-cleared driveway are all very satisfying. Maintaining our grounds and driveway requires the use of some noisy maintenance equipment.

Please note that there are times when this kind of noise can be made, between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Notwithstanding the above, good neighborliness suggests that you don't use your lawn mower early in the morning or during the aperitif or supper hour, if possible.



Ambient noises

Swimming pool heat pump and filter:

Air conditioners and swimming pools are a popular way to enjoy summer and cool down during heatwaves. However, make sure that these accessories are not too noisy, and repair them if they are broken or faulty.

Emergency generator:

It should be noted that it is forbidden to leave an emergency generator running for more than twenty minutes outside a period of power failure or disaster.



Impact noises

Construction work in progress

Renovations or construction are coming up on your property; talk to your neighbors and let them know you'll have work going on, which will include noise and trucks parked on the street during the day. Take the time to take a break in the morning and make sure you stop for lunch; your neighbors will be glad you did.

Note that the hours allowed for this work are from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..

Airborne noises

Parties and swimming pools:

Are the neighborhood kids all hanging out at the neighbor's pool? Summer is for playing! Be indulgent.

Is your little one turning 10 and planning a party with friends and family? Notify your neighbors and make sure your gathering isn't too noisy.



If your party with friends or family goes on into the evening, be respectful to your neighbors by keeping your voice and music down.

Animals:

Is your dog practicing his vocalizations, or is he such a good watchdog that he'll bark at the slightest insect movement? Be sure to calm him down or bring him into the residence. Your neighbors will appreciate.



THESE ANIMALS THAT LIVE TOGETHER

Pets and farm animals:



The keeping of pigs, wild boars, roosters and fur-bearing animals such as mink, foxes and weasels, etc., is prohibited.

Your pet is surely attracted by smells and by anything that moves near his home. Make sure he stays on your property on a leash, in an enclosure that's high enough so that he can't jump over it, or that your property is fenced off to avoid any unfortunate accidents.

In addition, clean up your pet's faeces regularly to avoid unpleasant odours.

YOUR PROPERTY OR OURS?

Dividing fence:

Note that a common fence (between you and your neighbor) can be installed straddling the property line. It is the responsibility of the two owners whose land it separates to maintain it properly. So, before installing a fence, talk to your neighbor. With the right agreement, he or she may even pay part of the cost and contribute to its upkeep.



Trees:



Ahhhh, those leaves falling on your property from your neighbor's tree... That big tree shading your pool... That tree that looks like it's going to topple over your roof in the slightest gust of wind... Does all this give me the right to cut branches or cut down the tree that's threatening my property?

The answer is NO! Talk to your neighbor about this irritant and the potential hazards, and agree on a course of action to remedy the situation.

WEEDS AND GROUNDS (maintenance)

Your yard is often visible to our neighbors. So it's nice for them, and for you, to keep your yard neat and clutter-free. Don't let brush, grass and weeds take over your property, and don't hesitate to apply for a permit for a shed if you need a place to store things. shed if you need a place to store certain things.



FIRE

It is strictly forbidden to start a fire on a vacant lot because the equipment needed to completely extinguish the fire is not available.

With the exception of fireplaces, grills or barbecues, open-air fires are prohibited unless a permit for an open-air fire has been applied for from the Municipality's Fire Safety Department, and a permit has been obtained from the appropriate authority.



The following fires are permitted and do not require the issuance of a permit but are subject to the present by-law:

- Fires in open-air cooking appliances such as fireplaces, barbecues and other installations intended for this purpose;
- Fires in metal containers such as barrels or other containers with spark-proof lids;
- Campfires to keep mosquitoes away or to brighten up a picnic or country party must have a maximum surface area of 1 square meter and no more than ½ meter in height, and must be surrounded by non-combustible material.

Any outdoor fireplace or open air fire must be installed at least 4.5 meters from buildings and structures attached to them, at least 3.0 meters from the property line and at least 3.0 meters from trees, hedges or any other combustible material.

It is forbidden to feed or maintain a fire with an accelerant. Only dry wood or dry wood by-products, charcoal, briquettes, or any other product designed and recognized specifically for use as a heating product may be used in an outdoor fireplace.

The person in charge of the fire must monitor the fire at all times and ensure, before leaving the premises, that the fire is completely extinguished with water or completely buried.