

TIPS ON BEING A BETTER NEIGHBOR . . .

The following helpful tips are provided to assist UCLA's housed fraternities and sororities in building better relations with those that are impacted by the close proximity of greek housing.

- 1 Introduce yourself to and get to know your neighbors. Let them know that you are interested in being a good neighbor. (This applies to property owners, apartment tenants/managers, and University Housing/Residence Halls).
- 2 **Remember the negative power of noise!** Your neighbors may have an exam the next day or have to work the early shift. Keep sound down after midnight, every night.
- 3 If it's a party. . .
 - Set up the sound so that speakers face away from neighbors.
 - The event chairperson(s) should be prepared to answer the phone and deal with complaints or difficult situation.
 - Let your neighbors know *in advance* of your party so they can plan accordingly.
 - When the party is over, your guests should leave rather than linger outside for a period of time. Many disturbances arise during the time people are leaving a party.
 - The morning after, make sure the yard and sidewalks are clean and free from all debris.
- 4 Be sure all garbage, trash, bottles, etc. make it to the dumpster and keep the lid/doors closed. If you regularly produce more refuse than your dumpster holds, consider an additional dumpster or more frequent pick-ups. (See next page for large item pick-up info.)
- 5 The City of Los Angeles requires property owners to maintain sidewalks and parking strips adjacent to their property. Include these areas in your clean up.
- 6 Observe posted no parking signs for street cleaning. You won't get a ticket and your gutters may get swept.
- 7 Remember that persons in wheelchairs and parents with baby strollers need to use the sidewalk. Do not block the sidewalks if you park on the apron.
- 8 Consider sponsoring a neighborhood clean-up or beautification project in conjunction with neighbors and the local community. This is an excellent way to work with and get to know those around you.

If you have any questions about city services or requirements, contact the **UCLA Government and Community Relations at 794-6819**. Their insight and knowledge is a great resource to you in building better community relations.

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