



## RESOURCES FOR OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

- Students can find a lot of helpful information at [www.salisbury.edu/offcampushousing](http://www.salisbury.edu/offcampushousing), including links to helpful web addresses and a list of local landlord and rental agencies.
- Booklets, information pamphlets and maps are available at the GSU Information Desk.
- The GSU Information Desk offers a "Roommate Finders" binder where Salisbury University students can find/post information by presenting their GullCard.
- SU's Student Government Association hosts several Off-Campus Housing Fairs throughout the fall and spring semesters. For more information, visit: [www.salisburysga.com](http://www.salisburysga.com)

City Code also requires all dogs four months or older to always display a license (also proof of rabies vaccination). For more information about Salisbury City Code 6.04.100, which mandates confinement of pets and Salisbury City Code 6.04.250, which states that it is unlawful for any owner to allow his animal to become a public nuisance, please visit: [library.municode.com/md/salisbury/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](http://library.municode.com/md/salisbury/codes/code_of_ordinances)

### STEP 6.

#### Lend a Hand.

Be neighborly! Your neighborhood is your community and pooling resources benefits everyone. Offer to help whenever you see an opportunity – if you are shoveling your sidewalk after a snow storm anyway, why not go ahead and clear out an extra 20 feet to help out an elderly neighbor? If you cook way too many brownies, why not share some? In a nutshell, be helpful and kind to those around you.

### STEP 7

#### Make a Difference in Your Community.

You may be staying for just one year or two while you're in college, but keep in mind that this is your home. Embrace it! Leave your community a little bit better than you found it. Help out with neighborhood events, clean up efforts or volunteer in the Salisbury area. For information on volunteering, visit the University's Volunteer Center at: [www.salisbury.edu/volunteer](http://www.salisbury.edu/volunteer)



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# Seven Helpful Steps

to Being a Good Neighbor



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# MISSION STATEMENT

Off-Campus Housing Services is dedicated to providing valuable information and resources to assist students, faculty and staff at Salisbury University in making informed decisions regarding location, safety, rights and responsibilities in their off-campus housing choices.

## Seven Helpful Steps to Being a Good Neighbor

### ■ STEP 1

#### Get to Know Your Neighbors.

- **Introduce Yourself.**

Once you've moved in, make sure to introduce yourself to your new neighbors. It will be easier to prevent and resolve any problems later if you take the time to get to know each other. You might even want to exchange contact information so you can easily get a hold of each other if anything comes up.

- **Learn More About Your Neighbors' Lifestyles.**

It is helpful to know more than just your new neighbors' names. Are they also college students who won't mind hearing your stereo or party? Is it a family with young kids or an elderly couple who is looking for peace and quiet in the evenings? On the flipside: If you're living next to college students, you may all be leaving for the different breaks; if your neighbor is a year-round resident, they'll be able to keep an eye on your home while you are away. The key here is that it's good to know your neighbors.

### ■ STEP 2

#### Communicate with Your Neighbors.

Go past first introductions and establish ongoing communication with your neighbors. It's in your best interest!

- **Alert Your Neighbors to Parties.**

If you're planning on hosting a party, make sure to give your neighbors a heads up. Do it in person. Leave them a contact name and phone number and ask them to contact you if there is a problem. Most importantly, respect your neighbors.

- **Let Them Know When You Go On Vacations.**

Make sure to tell neighbors you trust when you leave town for an extended period of time and let them know how to reach you if anything comes up. You will benefit from having someone keeping an eye on your residence while you are away.

- **Introduce Guests Who Visit Regularly.**

If you have guests who come and go regularly, don't forget to introduce them to your neighbors as well – or at least give your neighbors a heads up about someone staying with you. An attentive neighbor might get worried about someone getting in and out of your house without you.

- **Avoid Off-Campus Misconduct Issues.**

The University has the authority and exercises that authority through the Office of Student Affairs to take disciplinary action in cases of off-campus misconduct by students who are detrimental to University interests. Neighbors may call and register disruptive behavior/loud parties or local city ordinance violations with the Office of Student Affairs. If students residing at these residents are found responsible, students may be subject to appropriate disciplinary sanctions.

### ■ STEP 3

#### Keep an Eye Out for Each Other.

Neighbors can prevent crime by keeping an eye out for each other in their neighborhood. You may not be able to monitor your residence every minute of the day, but your neighbors can be your eyes and ears when you are not present. Encourage your neighbors to report any suspicious activity to you (or law enforcement officials, if necessary) and volunteer to do the same.

### ■ STEP 4

#### Be Seen, But Not Heard.

- **Respect Quiet Hours.**

At best, loud radios and parties may result in disgruntled neighbors; at worst, the police may knock on your door. Salisbury City Code designates "quiet hours" between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. During this period, noise (from radios, musical instruments, shouting, yelling, etc.) plainly audible at 50 feet from the public street, public area or private property from which the noise emanates may result in a citation, and fine. More information on Salisbury City Code 8.20.010 and 8.20.020 can be found at: [library.municode.com/md/salisbury/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](http://library.municode.com/md/salisbury/codes/code_of_ordinances)

If you live in a different jurisdiction, make sure to familiarize yourself with applicable local law and ordinances.

- **Be Aware of Shared Walls.**

You're not throwing a party, listening to super loud music or anything like that, so you couldn't possibly be disrupting your neighbor's evening, right? Wrong! If you share walls with your neighbors, something as seemingly harmless as vacuuming, having friends over for games or watching



TV in bed can create a nuisance for your neighbors. Keep that in mind!

- **Control Your Pets.**

Do you find your dog's bark adorable? Maybe you love the singing of your bird? Here's some news for you: Chances are your neighbors don't! On a related note: Don't leave your dog outside to bark, making its noise someone else's problem. Be respectful and keep your pet's noise under control.

### ■ STEP 5

#### Maintain Your Home (and Community!).

- **Curb Appeal.**

Keep your neighbors happy by making sure that your residence isn't an eyesore for the community. Keep your yard tidy, don't let garbage pile up, put trash out on the right day (and remember to bring it back), shovel your sidewalk, and keep your sidewalk, curb and gutters clean, etc. More than just making nice with the neighbors, you will avoid a city fine by abiding by local ordinances. Some of these tasks may be your responsibility; some may be your landlord's. Check your lease to figure out who is responsible for what! More information on Salisbury City Code 8.08.020 which mandates the maintenance of curbs, gutters and sidewalks and Salisbury City Code 8.16.060 which mandates collection rules and regulations can be found at: [library.municode.com/md/salisbury/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](http://library.municode.com/md/salisbury/codes/code_of_ordinances)

- **Maintain the Inside, Too!**

Keep the inside of your home clean and tidy. Letting garbage pile up may attract pests, and these may become a nuisance for residents and neighbors alike. Also, taking good care of your home saves you money by avoiding potential charges for damages when it's time to move out.

- **Your Pet Is Your Responsibility!**

If your pet leaves a mess in your neighbor's lawn, clean it up. Also, keep your pets leashed at all times for everyone's safety. The Salisbury City Code prohibits dog owners from allowing their pets to run at large, allowing their pets to become a public nuisance, etc.

