Are you a Good Neighbor?

1. I know _____ neighbors on my block.
   a. Zero
   b. 1-4
   c. 5-10
   d. 11 or more

2. When a new neighbor moves onto my block, I
   a. Wouldn't know that they are new.
   b. Request that they don't have parties like the last tenants and ask them to not park in front of my apartment. It is my parking spot!
   c. Wave and say “hello” if I see them outside.
   d. Introduce myself, tell them about the upcoming events in the neighborhood, and give them my phone number in case of an emergency.

3. If my neighbor and I have a conflict that I don't think we can resolve on our own, I
   a. Leave harassing phone messages and prepare to move when my lease is up.
   b. Avoid addressing the conflict and avoid my neighbor.
   c. Meet with my neighbor to establish mutual expectations and to resolve the conflict.
   d. Contact the Office of Off Campus Student Services to get information and tips on how to resolve conflicts.

4. When I park my car,
   a. I park on my front lawn or across the sidewalk in front of my apartment.
   b. Speed into the neighborhood with my stereo blasting before parking in front of a neighbor's house.
   c. I park in front of a neighbor's house, but am careful to turn my stereo down so I do not disturb them.
   d. I park in my garage, driveway, or on the street legally, in front of my own house.
5. When I leave on vacation, I
   a. Don't tell anyone…no one will notice that I'm gone.
   b. Put an automatic timer on the light in my living room so that it looks like I am
      home.
   c. Leave a phone number where I can be reached in an emergency with a trusted
      neighbor.
   d. Arrange for a trusted neighbor to watch over my home. I also have the post office hold my mail.

6. My dog
   a. Barks 24 hours a day.
   b. Gets accused by other neighbors of barking, however, I am convinced that it is not
      my dog that is causing the problem.
   c. Is generally quiet and well behaved unless the doorbell rings.
   d. Is always on a leash and I always pick up after him/her.

7. My yard could be described as:
   a. Yard? Do you mean the junkyard?
   b. The Sherwood Forest: It'll be nice once I mow the grass.
   c. Acceptable: It's as well kept as the other yards on my block.
   d. The Garden of Eden: I won the “Curbside Appeal” contest last year.

8. When I hear of meetings or activities happening in my neighborhood, I
   a. Crumple up the notice left on my door and throw it into my front yard.
   b. Half-heartedly try to convince my roommates to attend so that we don't look bad.
   c. Attend and do the best I can to help organize.
   d. Run the meetings, host the get-togethers, and infect others with my contagious
      enthusiasm.

9. I would describe my neighborhood as a place where
   a. I sleep and the Police frequent due to the loud parties.
   b. Most people can be assured that they won't get any of their personal possessions
      stolen and they will most likely be able to sleep and study.
   c. I can relax and study.
   d. I feel connected and valued. This is my favorite place to spend my time.

10. If I am hosting a party at my house late at night, I
    a. Expect to receive a noise ticket from the city. Who can control so many guests?
    b. Call 911 if things get too out of control.
    c. Invite my neighbors to the party so I don't have to worry about the party being too
        loud.
    d. Tell my neighbors I am having a party and give them a phone number to call if it
        gets too loud.
Add up your score! Give yourself:

0 points for every "A"
1 point for every "B"
2 points for every "C"
3 points for every "D"

0-19 Points: A good neighbor in training

You are on the road to being a good neighbor, but you do have a little work to do before you will feel truly connected to the people who live around you. One of the first steps that you can take to being a great neighbor is to get to know your neighbors. Even if you have been living in your house/apartment/condo/etc. for a while, it is never too late to meet those around you! You may also want to familiarize yourself with local laws and ordinances that apply to you as a member of the local community. Contact the Office of Off Campus Student Services today to get resources that will help you on your journey to good neighborliness.

20-23 Points: A good neighbor

You understand that being a good neighbor can make you feel more connected to those around you. Now you just need to fine tune your knowledge and skills at neighborliness. Some opportunities that you might consider include attending a neighborhood meeting to learn about issues occurring in your neighborhood, inviting your neighbors to a dinner or BBQ, and familiarizing yourself with local codes and ordinances regarding noise, weeds, and trash. Contact the Office of Off Campus Student Services for more ideas of how to improve your neighboring Skills.

24-26 points: A great neighbor

You are committed to doing the right thing and being a good neighbor. It’s people like you, grassroots leaders doing the little things day after day that make our neighborhoods wonderful! Keep up the good work! The Office of Off Campus Student Services can provide you with more information and opportunities for expanding the programs, events, and community feeling in your neighborhood. Contact us for ideas.

27-30 points: A true patriot! Run for city office!

You know exactly what it takes to build community in your neighborhood. Share your knowledge and enthusiasm with other neighbors on your block. If you need ideas for neighborhood activities that could bring you and your neighbors even closer together, visit the Office of Off Campus Student Services.

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