Neighborhood Relations

Meet your neighbors before problems occur. Make sure your neighbors know who you are and have your phone number. They may call you with problems before calling the police. Common sense is the best defense. Watch the time, close your doors and windows, and keep music at reasonable levels as a safeguard from disturbing neighbors.

Remember, after two noise violation tickets ($226 each), your landlord receives a letter and then the License Investigation Unit can write a violation.

Alcohol

B.Y.O.B.! Local ordinances prohibit the sale of alcohol or cups at parties. Fines for an illegal tavern start at $332 and may be as much as $3,280.

A ‘minor’ violation can be a major problem. Serving under-age drinkers can lead to stiff penalties.

When you break the law, you may be breaking your lease. Co-signing parents and friends may also be held responsible for violations. An untimely eviction disrupts studies and creates difficulties in signing future leases. It’s not worth it!

DNS Information

www.city.milwaukee.gov/dns
Apartment Life
Having an apartment is great! Finally your own place. No parents, your own stuff, and new roommates. This is the place for the year where you will eat, sleep, study, watch TV, play music, and have fun.

In this brochure are guidelines for the following:
- Grass and Sidewalks
- Parking
- Garbage
- Neighbor Relations
- Occupancy

After all, these are supposed to be the best years of your life, and you don’t want tickets getting in the way of enjoying them!

Grass and Sidewalks
Don’t get snowed! Talk to your landlord about who is responsible for grass cutting and snow shoveling before the city does. This will keep your neighborhood looking great!

Parking
Keep parking from being a pain on your pocketbook. More than four cars on a drive-way or parking on the grass or sidewalk will land you a ticket.

Don’t let nights be a nightmare for your car! Get a night parking permit for parking on the street between 2:00 AM-6:00 A.M.

Baby it’s cold outside. Winter parking regulations are in effect from December 1 to March 1. Contact the police department for specific regulations.

Silence is golden when it comes to neighborhood relations. Remember, a car horn is for emergencies, not a doorbell!

Garbage
Roll out the barrels! Roll your garbage cart out to the curb or alley on collection days. Also, you are required to roll the cart back on the same day. If you have large items like old mattresses, call DPW-Sanitation for disposal instructions at (414) 286-CITY (2469). Regular crews only take what’s in the green cart. Give a hoot, don’t pollute! Keep your yard litter free.

Crime
Be Prepared! Lock valuables in the trunk or take them with you to prevent break-ins. Protect yourself and your neighbors.

Make sure your landlord has a rooming house license before you move in with more than three unrelated adults.

No more than three unrelated people are allowed to occupy one dwelling unit without a license, regardless of the number of bedrooms. Violation of this could result in eviction!

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms
Decide on whose job it is to keep them working. Vacuum out the dust and bugs. Give it a working battery and it will watch over you while you sleep. Check the battery monthly. New 10-year battery powered alarms rules may apply.