“A bad neighbor is a misfortune as much as a good one is a great blessing.”
- Hesiod

When you came to college at Potsdam, you became part of the larger Potsdam community. Being a part of this community means that you have a role to play in maintaining Potsdam’s reputation as a friendly and welcoming place for students.

Just as the campus has rules that help us to maintain a safe, healthy and civil environment, so does the Village of Potsdam. These policies are rooted in the expectation that individuals will demonstrate respect for others.

If you live in one of the neighborhoods surrounding the campus, you have a responsibility to be the best neighbor you can be. Responsible tenant behavior includes respect for the health, safety, and property of others in your residence and neighborhood. Remember, this is likely your neighbor’s permanent home. Here are some tips for building good relationships with your neighbors.

Respect your rental. Take care of the property and the building. Dispose of trash and litter properly and regularly.

Respect your neighbors, their privacy and their right to a livable, safe environment and quality of life.

Respect your neighborhood. Treat your new neighborhood just like your hometown.

Introduce yourself to your new neighbors. Start off on the right foot. Having a good relationship with them can work to your advantage if you ever need assistance or someone to look after your place if you leave on winter or spring break.

Know that your behavior off campus influences your neighbors’ image of all college students and SUNY Potsdam.

Make sure your guests treat your property, your neighbors, your neighbor’s property and the neighborhood with respect.

If you are having guests, be reasonable, be responsible and don’t allow your guests to create disturbances, park illegally, block driveways or engage in disruptive or lewd behavior.

Be understanding of your neighbors. Know that your neighbors most likely do not follow the “college lifestyle” and the hours you may keep. Respect their lifestyle and their sleep.

Learning to be a good neighbor and a responsible citizen will benefit you now and always.