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- Do upkeep on your home’s exterior, fence, etc.
- Make sure that vegetation does not creep into your neighbor’s yard (tree limbs, shrubs and weeds.)

- Don’t block anyone’s driveway access, or park vehicles extending over the sidewalk.
- Avoid parking in front of your neighbors’ homes.
- RV’s, boats or utility trailers:
  - No more than 2 per site
  - Should not obstruct visibility of motorists or neighbours
  - If parked in a front or exterior side yard, it must be on a hard surface

- Keep your pets off the neighbours’ lawns and pick up after them.
- If you have a particularly noisy dog, consider a training program to lessen barking, and minimizing the outside-time.

- Only put out your garbage bin on the collection day. Even if you miss the collection, bring it back onto your property right away.
- Keep your trash area tidy and wash your bin if it begins to smell.

- Be aware that your neighbour may be going through difficult circumstances which may prevent them from keeping up with everyday things. Please don’t judge, and consider offering a helping hand.

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