

**Alright students** — here's some thoughts and tips from your fellow students about living in the neighborhood. Whether it comes to having a party or simply living next door to one of our neighbors and getting along, these pieces of advice are tried and true from your fellow students who lived in the neighborhood before you.

## Being A Good Neighbor

**Living off-campus means** living next to other students, single parents with children, retirees, and young professionals—and being a neighbor. Creating good relationships with your neighbors is easy when you start with respect and consideration for the variety of lifestyles around you.

**Introduce yourself.** Knowing your neighbors makes it easier to communicate and solve problems together.

**Maintain your property.** Keep your yard, porch and sidewalk clean. Shovel snow as soon as you can and within 24 hours after snow ends. Or, call your landlord if cleaning and shoveling is his/her responsibility.

**Keep the noise down.** Many students stay up late, children go to bed early, and professionals get up early to go to work. You show respect and consideration for the different schedules around you when you turn your music down at night and early mornings and refrain from loud talking outside.

**Have pets?** Control barking, use a leash when walking them, carry (and use) a "scooper," acquire licenses, and take good care of your four-legged friends.

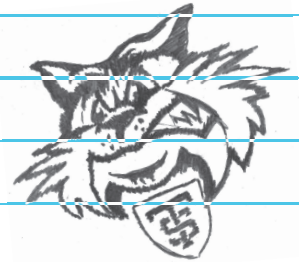
**Park your car safely** and on approved surfaces. Vehicles in St. Paul may not be parked on grass or dirt.

## If You Are Planning a Party

The University of St. Thomas expects all students to adhere to the Code of Conduct at all times, whether on or off campus.

We want you to have fun, relieve stress, and generally enjoy your school year, but it is very important to be considerate of everyone around you.

With any questions, the full policy can be found here — [http://www.stthomas.edu/policies/student\\_policy\\_book/](http://www.stthomas.edu/policies/student_policy_book/)



**Inform your neighbors** ahead of time.

**Do not, do not, do not** serve alcohol to underage guests or allow them to consume alcohol. There are severe criminal and civil penalties for being a "social host" for underage persons.

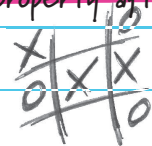
**Monitor your noise level:** shut your windows, keep people inside, and remind guests to leave quietly.

**Limit the number** of your guests and use "invitation only"—nothing ruins a party faster than the uninvited jerk...or the police.

**Provide sufficient garbage cans/recycling.** clean your house and property after the party; remove all debris.

**Consider the parking** needs of your neighbors.

**Check your lease** for clauses involving loud party citations—you may find yourself paying additional rent or fines to your property owner if you are cited by the police.



**IMPORTANT** — The City of St. Paul is in the process of changing its policies on underage drinking citations and social host ordinances. There may no longer be an option to pay fines and perform community service to have the arrest expunged. Rather, it could remain a part of your permanent legal record, which can have very serious consequences later in life. Keep watching TommieMedia.com and the Bulletin for further developments.