

150 Ways to Be Neighbourly

1. Smile and wave at your neighbours
2. Say hello to neighbours as they walk by
3. Pick up trash/weeds on walk
4. Be friendly/kind
5. Community Potluck event
6. Shovel their driveway
7. Clean up garbage
8. Mow their lawn
9. Rake leaves
10. Play with other kids
11. Don't be too loud
12. Respect their property
13. Walk their dog
14. Be helpful/help others
15. Put out/bring in their garbage bins
16. Bake them an apple pie
17. Set up Neighbourhood Block Watch
18. Help with moving day
19. Offer to clean their driveway
20. Don't rev your engine
21. Invite them over
22. Clean their windows
23. Clean their gutters
24. Wash their car
25. Weed their garden
26. Help local political campaigns
27. Prune trees
28. Quiet time outside by 11pm
29. Bring in mail or package if they're away
30. Treat everyone with respect
31. Make them feel welcome
32. Keep the street clean
33. Offer to help with yardwork
34. Pick up garbage around the block
35. Pick up newspapers if they are piling up
36. Share your green bin if not full
37. Organize a block Easter egg hunt
38. Organize a clothing/toy exchange
39. Make them something
40. Attend block events
41. Make them cookies
42. Water their plants
43. Invite other kids over to play with yours
44. Be generous
45. Take care of their animals
46. Ask to do something for them
47. Don't leave your trash/litter around
48. Be polite
49. Help carry groceries inside
50. Offer help with spring cleaning
51. Start a monthly wine/beer club
52. Have a pancake breakfast
53. Set up a lemonade stand
54. Keep lights on at night for safety
55. Offer your recycling bin if not full
56. Set up a community compost
57. Invite someone new for dinner
58. Watch for unusual activity/ unknown cars
59. Be a good friend
60. Compliment them
61. Donate your time to local charities
62. Be a leader
63. Have a neighbourhood party
64. Start a neighbourhood contact list
65. Share unwanted plants/flowers
66. Offer to babysit/pet sit/house sit
67. Be respectful of outside noise
68. Inform neighbours if having a party
69. Be compassionate
70. Be respectful of outside noise
71. Invite neighbours if having a party
72. Share your tools
73. Don't park in front of your neighbour's driveway
74. Share cost/build a fence together
75. Group game nights in common room
76. Set up a progressive dinner
77. Offer outlet to someone renovating
78. Offer driveway space to neighbour
79. Have a book exchange
80. Offer a ride to someone who doesn't drive
81. Offer to clean someone's house
82. Say hi to new neighbours
83. Host a BBQ or coffee party
84. Plan a group bike ride
85. Invite them for coffee
86. Check on elderly neighbours
87. Start morning/evening walking clubs
88. Give food to the homeless
89. Start a hiking club to discover local trails
90. Invite them for the holidays if they have no local family
91. Host a movie in the park
92. Have dinner parties
93. Pull weeds in other yards
94. Community BBQ in local park
95. Show up with wine and food
96. Set up block hockey game
97. Organize a block activity: soccer/basketball/volleyball
98. Set up a free mini library or pantry
99. Sweep gravel from driveways/streets in the spring
100. Give out flowers from your garden
101. Trim hedges
102. Community potluck including the homeless
103. Organize a neighbourhood bottle drive
104. Give vegetables from your garden
105. Bring coffee/snacks to those working in your neighbourhood
106. Cut neighbour's lawn
107. Clean up after your dog
108. Organize winter shovel/clean up
109. Set up spring and fall clean up days for neighbourhood
110. Treat your neighbours like your family
111. Let them know if their garage door is left open
112. Clean up local parks
113. Organize a block/community garage sale
114. Make them food
115. Be inclusive
116. Offer to walk a neighbours dog
117. Lend out your lawnmower
118. Let them borrow gardening tools
119. Spend quality time with them
120. Socialize with your neighbours
121. Host a games night
122. Volunteer
123. Treat them like your family
124. Create a neighbourhood garden
125. Share fruit/veggies from your garden
126. Carpool for groceries/errands
127. If you have a pool, host a pool party
128. Set up a dinner club
129. Plan group trips to the playground with the kids
130. Set up a weekly porch/front yard coffee date
131. Host a Christmas gift exchange
132. Create monthly cooking/canning parties
133. Organize a building hallway event in your apartment/condo
134. Plan a New Year's gathering so everyone is close to home
135. Plan a fence building/painting party
136. Host a garage clean out and mini garage sale to your block
137. Share favourite seasonal recipes
138. Help if a pet is lost
139. Be respectful in regards to shared space for parking
140. Don't leave your car running too early or too late
141. Drive 20km or less in areas where children are playing
142. Trim tree branches that overhang into a neighbour's yard
143. Rake the leaves from your trees that fall into others' yards
144. Drop off popcorn with a note "just popping by" to neighbours
145. Leave homemade jam with note "if you're ever in a jam."
146. Allergy friendly Halloween treats/toys (teal pumpkin at door)
147. Employ neighbourhood youth to do your yard work.
148. Start a special interest group
149. Share holiday decorations
150. Help others put up their Christmas lights

We asked Kelowna residents what being neighbourly meant to them - here's their responses



Have a question about how to be neighbourly? Contact the Strong Neighbourhoods team!

