



■ **STEP 6.**  
**Lend a hand**

Be neighborly! Your neighborhood is your community and pooling resources benefits everyone. Offer to help whenever you see an opportunity – if you are shoveling your sidewalk after a snow storm anyway, why not go ahead and clear out an extra 20 feet to help out an elderly neighbor? If you cook way too many brownies, why not share some? In a nutshell, be helpful and kind to those around you.

■ **STEP 7**  
**Make a difference in your community**

You may be staying for just one year or two while you're in college, but keep in mind that this is your home. Embrace it! Leave your community a little bit better than you found it. Help out with neighborhood events, clean up efforts or volunteer in the Salisbury area. For information on volunteering, visit the University's Volunteer Center at [www2.salisbury.edu/volunteer](http://www2.salisbury.edu/volunteer).



## ■ RESOURCES FOR OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

- Students can find a lot of helpful information at [www.salisbury.edu/commuters/offcampushousing](http://www.salisbury.edu/commuters/offcampushousing), including links to helpful Web addresses and a list of local landlord and rental agencies.
- Booklets, information pamphlets and maps are available at the Guerrieri University Center Information Desk.
- The Guerrieri University Center Information Desk offers a "Students Looking for Roommates" binder where Salisbury University students can find/post information by presenting their GullCard.
- Off-Campus Housing Services offers a Renters Fair each year during Transfer Student Preview. In addition, SU's Student Government Association hosts several Renters Fairs throughout the spring semester. For more information, visit: [www.salisbury.edu/campusgov/sga](http://www.salisbury.edu/campusgov/sga)

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# Seven Helpful Steps

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Off-Campus Housing Services is dedicated to providing valuable information and resources to assist students, faculty and staff at Salisbury University in making informed decisions regarding location, safety, rights and responsibilities in their off-campus housing choices.

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### ■ STEP 1

#### Get to know your neighbors

- **Introduce yourself**

Once you've moved in, make sure to introduce yourself to your new neighbors. It will be easier to prevent and resolve any problems later if you take the time to get to know each other. You might even want to exchange contact information so you can easily get a hold of each other if anything comes up.

- **Learn more about your neighbors' lifestyles**

It is helpful to know more than just your new neighbors' names. Are they also college students who won't mind hearing your stereo or party? Is it a family with young kids or an elderly couple who is looking for peace and quiet in the evenings? On the flipside: If you're living next to college students, you may all be leaving for the different breaks; if your neighbor is a year-round resident, they'll be able to keep an eye on your home while you are away. The key here is that it's good to know your neighbors.

### ■ STEP 2

#### Communicate with your neighbors

Go past first introductions and establish ongoing communication with your neighbors. It's in your best interest!

- **Alert your neighbors to parties**

If you're planning on hosting a party, make sure to give your neighbors a heads up. Do it in person. Leave them a contact name and phone number and ask them to contact you if there is a problem. Most importantly, respect your neighbors.

- **Vacations**

Make sure to tell neighbors you trust when you leave town for an extended period of time, and let them know how to reach you if anything comes up. You will benefit from having someone keeping an eye on your residence while you are away.

- **Guests**

If you have guests who come and go regularly, don't forget to introduce them to your neighbors as well – or at least give your neighbors a heads up about someone staying with you. An attentive neighbor might get worried about someone getting in and out of your house without you.

### ■ STEP 3

#### Keep an eye out for each other

Neighbors can prevent crime by keeping an eye out for each other in their neighborhood. You may not be able to monitor your residence every minute of the day, but your neighbors can be your eyes and ears when you are not present. Encourage your neighbors to report any suspicious activity to you (or law enforcement officials, if necessary) and volunteer to do the same.

### ■ STEP 4

#### Be seen, but not heard

- **Quiet hours**

At best, loud radios and parties may result in disgruntled neighbors; at worst, the police may knock on your door. Salisbury City Code designates "quiet hours" between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. During this period, noise (from radios, musical instruments, shouting, yelling, etc.) plainly audible at 50 feet from the public street, public area or private property from which the noise emanates may result in a citation and fine. More information can be found on the Salisbury City Code available at [www.ci.salisbury.md.us/CityGovernment/CharterandCityCodes/tabid/85/Default.aspx](http://www.ci.salisbury.md.us/CityGovernment/CharterandCityCodes/tabid/85/Default.aspx). If you live in a different jurisdiction, make sure to familiarize yourself with applicable local law and ordinances.

- **Be aware of shared walls**

You're not throwing a party, listening to super loud music or anything like that, so you couldn't possibly be disrupting your neighbor's evening, right? Wrong! If you share walls with your neighbors, something as seemingly harmless as vacuuming, having friends over for games or watching TV in bed can create a nuisance for your neighbors. Keep that in mind!

- **Control your pets**

Do you find your dog's bark adorable? Maybe you love the singing of your bird? Here's some news for you: Chances are your neighbors don't! On a related note: Don't leave



your dog outside to bark, making its noise someone else's problem. Be respectful and keep your pet's noise under control.

### ■ STEP 5

#### Maintain your home (and community!)

- **A few words on curb appeal**

Keep your neighbors happy by making sure that your residence isn't an eyesore for the community. Keep your yard tidy, don't let garbage pile up, put trash out on the right day (and remember to bring it back), shovel your sidewalk, and keep your sidewalk, curb and gutters clean, etc. More than just making nice with the neighbors, you will avoid a city fine by abiding by local ordinances. Some of these tasks may be your responsibility; some may be your landlord's. Check your lease to figure out who is responsible for what! More information on do's and don'ts can be found at: [www.ci.salisbury.md.us/Portals/0/NSCC/Did%20you%20know%20Flyer.pdf](http://www.ci.salisbury.md.us/Portals/0/NSCC/Did%20you%20know%20Flyer.pdf)

- **Maintain the inside, too!**

Keep the inside of your home clean and tidy. Letting garbage pile up may attract pests, and these may become a nuisance for residents and neighbors alike. Also, taking good care of your home saves you money by avoiding potential charges for damages when it's time to move out.

- **Your pet = your responsibility**

We mentioned keeping your yard tidy, but don't forget about your neighbors. If your pet leaves a mess in your neighbor's lawn, clean it up. Also, keep your pets leashed at all times for everyone's safety. The Salisbury City Code prohibits dog owners from allowing their pets to run at large, allowing their pets to become a public nuisance, etc. City Code also requires all dogs four months or older to always display a license (also proof of rabies vaccination). The "Animal" section of the City Code is available at [www.ci.salisbury.md.us/cityclerk/briefingbook/2011Code/T06.pdf](http://www.ci.salisbury.md.us/cityclerk/briefingbook/2011Code/T06.pdf).

