 KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS and YOUR COMMUNITY

Say hello – introduce yourself to your neighbors.

When you live off campus you join a neighborhood. We are surrounded by families with children, people who work daily; elderly neighbors; and other studying students. Be aware and respectful. You have a schedule? Ask them about theirs. Sharing expectations ahead of time may mitigate future issues or escalation.

Having a party? – Talk to your neighbors.

Loud noise may equal unhappy neighbors or police involvement. Remember noise travels all around your residence and to the neighbors surrounding you. Understand the party host is liable for all that goes wrong. Be a responsible host.

Noise - It carries. Even if we don’t realize it.

Music, car alarms, beeps, and controls; yelling, conversations – loud or soft – especially when the rest of the world is asleep. Keep in mind that apartment wall may be thin – your TV volume may need to be adjusted. If approached about noise, listen calmly, the decisions you make or crucial. Move towards determining a wise and respectful solution.

Respect Property – It is the neighborly thing to do.

Don’t drag your furniture across the neighbor’s lawn, or create a shortcut through their yard. Pick up your trash. Don’t block access to sidewalks or roadways.

Trash and Recycling

When is trash day? How and when should your trash be placed on the curb or in the dumpster? How does recycling work?

Safety is always first

Don’t stand on roofs, decks, or use basements unless approved by your landlord. Always use a buddy system, don’t walk alone. Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Have an escape route in case of a fire. Check your windows and your locks. If approached by the police, do not ignore, but respond appropriately. Follow instructions.

Brandeis remains your community
Students living off campus can still be active members the Brandeis University community – and often are! We encourage students to get involved on campus. All campus resources (Brandeis Counseling Center, Dean of Students Office, Academic Services, etc.) remain available to you. Please keep in mind that off-campus students are a part of the Brandeis University community and are expected to conduct themselves as good citizens.