

# Neighbor Conflict Resolution

Working towards peace.



## Take the first step:

It can be intimidating to knock on a neighbor's door. Approaching a neighbor in kindness and humility can lead to a productive conversation. Introduce yourself, ask for their name and use it kindly, and share your concerns in a calm manner. Speak to your neighbor in the same way you wish to be spoken to.

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## Most Common Sources of Neighbor Conflict

- Failure to maintain a lawn
- Barking dogs and pets
- Trash, junk or debris
- Junk vehicles
- Noise late at night

## Things to Keep in Mind

- Keep things in proper perspective. Illness, a death in the family, or other life stressors may be preventing a neighbor from attending to property maintenance.
- Plan for a conversation when there will be enough time to talk without being rushed. Catching your neighbor as they are jumping in the car to go to work isn't a good time.
- Practice active listening and work towards mutual understanding.
- Be respectful and empathetic.

## Benefits of Working it Out:

- Building a relationship with your neighbor
- Peace
- Focus on other parts of life
- Improve neighborhood social capital

## When to Involve Authorities:

Call the Excelsior Springs Police Department when you feel:

- Unsafe and/or fear for your safety
- Suspect something is suspicious or criminal in nature

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