

# TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

**Title:** Temple University Good Neighbor Policy  
**Policy Number:** 03.70.13  
**Issuing Authority:** Division of Student Affairs  
**Responsible Officer:** Dean of Students

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**Reviewing Office:** Dean of Students

### Scope of Policy & Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to encourage Temple University students to engage in proactive and intentional efforts to build connections and relationships with their residential community. In so doing, this policy seeks to establish basic guidelines for Temple students to be good neighbors and to conduct themselves as responsible members of the community. Ultimately, students are responsible for abiding by the Student Code of Conduct as well as all city, state and federal laws. The Student Code is not limited to conduct within the formal boundaries of the university campuses. The Code applies to conduct in the communities where students live and will be enforced fairly and consistently. In efforts to encourage positive relationships with community members, this policy gives special attention to issues of noise, alcohol consumption, trash, and conduct. It is the university's hope and priority that students feel integrated into the rich fabric of this diverse community, contribute to an inclusive neighborhood, and behave as responsible stewards of Philadelphia.

The guidelines set forth are consistent with the educational mission of Temple University to help students become responsible citizens who respect the rights and needs of their neighbors and cultivate positive relationships within the community.

### Definitions

1. The term “**policy**” means the written regulations of the university as found in university documents including, but not limited to, the Student Code, Residence Life publications and agreements, the university policies web page, and Graduate/Undergraduate Bulletins.
2. The term “**student**” includes all persons taking courses at the university, either full-time or part-time, including but not limited to:
  - a. Persons who withdraw after allegedly violating the Student Code;
  - b. Persons who are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have a

- continuing relationship with the university;
  - c. Persons who have been notified of their acceptance to the university;
  - d. Persons who are living in university residence halls, although not enrolled in this institution; or
  - e. Persons participating in study abroad programs.
3. The term “**student organization**” means any number of persons who have complied with the formal requirements for university recognition.
  4. The term “**university**” means Temple University--Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education.
  5. The term “**inclusive neighborhood**” means a neighborhood that involves all people, regardless of their identities.
  6. The term “**stewards**” means people who look after, take care of, and are responsible for something.

### **Policy Statement**

Students and student organizations are expected to maintain a safe, clean, and respectable environment for the health and well-being of themselves and their organization members, guests, neighbors, and future residents.

### **Responsibilities of the Students**

Specifically, students must:

1. Observe [state and local laws](#) governing alcohol and drug use, including the prohibition against the sale of alcohol without a license (for example, charging a cover charge for a party where alcohol is served or charging a cup fee).
2. Abide by the university’s [Student Drug and Alcohol Policy](#).
3. Together with landlords, abide by [fire, health, zoning, building and safety codes](#), including occupancy limits, and the [City of Philadelphia’s Department of Licenses and Inspections](#) code and ordinances.
4. Abide by all city, state and federal laws.
5. Dispose of litter, household garbage/trash, and recycling on a regular basis in an appropriate manner. Refer to City of Philadelphia’s [regulations for trash disposal and recycling](#), and be aware of the neighborhood’s [trash and recycling collection schedule](#).
6. Complete clean-up within 24 hours after social functions to ensure litter and trash are removed from the neighborhood.
7. When responsible for outside maintenance pursuant to lease or rental agreements,

- maintain lawn and landscaping on a regular basis, as well as snow/ice removal when applicable.
8. Foster and maintain [good community relations](#) and cooperation with neighbors and authorities.
  9. Take proactive steps to manage the conduct of guests, including measures that reduce the risk of harm.
  10. Take active steps to prevent [damage to neighbors' property](#).
  11. Be engaged in mediating and resolving problems or concerns with neighbors and roommates in a timely and civil manner.
  12. Take proper care of all pets and pet waste according to [animal ordinances](#).
  13. Use elevated or amplified sound only in accordance with the [City of Philadelphia Noise Ordinance](#).

### **Communications and Training**

The Temple University Good Neighbor Policy will be disseminated with the assistance of the Good Neighbor Committee, Temple Student Government, New Student and Family Programs, Campus Safety Services, and University Housing and Residential Life. Specific educational measures are embedded in the electronic version of this policy.

### **Procedures**

The Good Neighbor Policy reinforces and supports the principle that Temple University students and/or student organizations can be held responsible under the authority of the Student Code of Conduct for their behavior outside the defined limits of the Temple University campuses. Students and/or student organizations can be referred to the office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, under the direction of the Dean of Students and the Division of Student Affairs, for alleged violations of the Code of Conduct and the Good Neighbor Policy. Upon referral to the office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, students and/or student organizations will be subject to the standard process for student conduct referrals.

Violations of this policy may result in university sanctions ranging from community service and education to suspension or expulsion from the university. Violations of the law may result in separate and additional penalties through local and state authorities such as fines, citations, or arrest.

### **Notes**

#### **1. Dates of official enactment and amendments:**

Adopted by the President on March 1, 2011.  
Amended December 2019.

#### **2. History:**

None

### **3. Cross References/Appendix:**

City of Philadelphia's Partners for Good Housing produced by the Department of Licenses and Inspections

<https://www.phila.gov/media/20190517121208/partnersinhousing-Rev.-May-2019.pdf>

[City of Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code](#)

City of Philadelphia Ordinance: [CHAPTER 10-400. NOISE AND EXCESSIVE VIBRATION](#)

City of Philadelphia Historical Commission §14-2007. [Historic Buildings, Structures, Sites, Objects and Districts.](#)

[Temple University Student Conduct Code, policy no. 03.70.12](#)

Philly 311

<https://www.phila.gov/311/pages/default.aspx>