

## Move-In

Dear Tenants,

The beginning of the school year is an exciting time, and a great chance to start off on the right foot with your neighbors. In collaboration with [Chapman University's Office of Community Relations](#), I want to share some reminders to be a good neighbor:

**Connect with your neighbors** - Don't forget that Orange neighborhoods are made up of not just students, but also faculty and staff that work at the university as well as other professionals, families and retirees. Your neighbors may have a very different schedule than yours. Here are some things you can do to be a good neighbor.

- Introduce yourself either in person or in writing
- Share your contact information so your neighbors can easily contact you if they have concerns. The Chapman Office of Community Relations has a free [printable contact card template](#) as part of their move-in resources.
- If you plan to host a party, make sure you and your roommates agree about who will be invited, how you will monitor noise levels and what you will do if too many people show up.
- Let your neighbors know ahead of time if you plan to have a party that could cause noise or other disruptions
- Be considerate of your noise levels, especially in the evening and late at night and if you are gathering outside.

Remember, even if you do warn your neighbors about your party, you are still responsible for obeying city laws, and it is still possible to receive a citation. If the police show up at your house or contact you to give you a warning, do not ignore them. Be respectful and let them know you will shut it down.

**Be aware of Orange ordinances** - Remember, violations of the law are also a violation of the Chapman Student Code of Conduct and can result in sanctions such as educational workshops, fines, or a separation from campus.

1. **Noise:** There are noise related ordinances in the City of Orange that, if violated, can result in expensive tickets. Keep your neighbors in mind if you plan to have guests or play music outside, and closely monitor noise levels after 10 p.m. to avoid receiving a noise disturbance ticket. If your house receives a formal warning for a noise violation, make sure to inform all of your roommates.

2. **Alcohol:** It is illegal to possess or consume alcohol under the age of 21. It is illegal to provide alcohol to someone under the age of 21. Serving underage individuals could result in a fine of up to \$1,000, or even jail time.
3. **Littering and trash:** Keep your neighborhood clean and reduce your impact on the environment by picking up your trash. Make sure your guests dispose of trash properly and clean up immediately after any gatherings to avoid trash-related citations.
4. **Parking:** Use the parking space in front of your home, and leave inactive vehicles parked on the driveway. Don't park on the lawn or block the sidewalk in any way. Please be considerate and leave space for others to park, too

Looking forward to welcoming you to the neighborhood this year!