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Contact Info

- ASCSU - Fort Collins Police Services
- City of Fort Collins Neighborhood Services - Northern Colorado Rental Housing Apartment Association
- Housing & Dining Services - Vice President for Student Affairs

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Fort Collins is known for its friendliness and small town warmth. Take pride in where you live! Get to know your neighbors and the City ordinances.

- **Introduce yourself, meet your neighbors.** A simple “hello” goes a long way. This is your first step in building a good relationship.
- **Keep neighbors informed.** Contact your neighbors before undertaking something that might affect them…like hosting a big party, building a fence, or getting a dog.
- **Be aware of neighborhood expectations and City ordinances.** Know the local laws, HOA covenants and general expectations in your area.
- **Be aware of differences.** Age, faith, ethnic background, and family status can drastically affect how one goes about their daily life. Be aware of the differences between you and your neighbors.
- **Ask how you can help.** Neighborly gestures contribute to a positive and welcoming neighborhood for all!
- **Be candid.** If your neighbors do something that bothers you, respectfully let them know as soon as possible. If you cannot work out a fair compromise, take advantage of free and confidential mediation services offered by the City of Fort Collins Community Mediation Program 970.224.6022.

**Noise**
970.221.6540 Fort Collins Police Services (non-emergency number)
When noise is an issue, the responding police officer has the discretion to decide if the noise coming from your property is unreasonable. They can issue a ticket with a fine of up to $1000 per resident for the first offense.

**Alcohol**
Fort Collins has a strict open container law which applies to everyone, even people 21 and older. Walking around with an open beer on a sidewalk or in a public place could earn you a ticket. It is illegal to sell alcohol without a license; this includes selling cups at a keg party or taking up donations.

**Guests**
As a host you are responsible for the behavior of your guests and their actions even if you do not know them and especially if you provide alcohol at your party.

**Riots**
A riot is defined as a public disturbance involving 3 or more people and property damage. Inciting or engaging in a riot is considered a felony. In addition to heavy fines and possible jail time anyone convicted of engaging in a riot WILL NOT be able to attend any Colorado state colleges or universities for at least 1 year.

**Nuisance Gathering Ordinance**
The Nuisance Gathering Ordinance holds party hosts accountable for any damage to neighboring property as a result of the gathering. Examples of these damages include trash and litter, public urination, and vandalism. A conviction carries up to a $1000 fine (in addition to the cost of repairs) with the possibility of jail time or community service hours.

**What happens when you get a ticket off campus?**
All noise citations which involve CSU students are forwarded from Fort Collins Police Services to the CSU Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services Office. These students are required to participate in a Party Partners class. During the class students:
- Review local ordinances with Fort Collins Police Officers
- Consider the impact their party may have had on others
- Discuss ways to host more responsible parties

Off-Campus tickets received by CSU students (i.e. open container, MIP, bodily waste, disorderly conduct) are also forwarded to the CRSCS office on campus. For more information call 970.491.7165
Pets
970.226.3647 Larimer Human Society's Animal Control
If you own a cat or dog, you are required to keep your animal on a leash or confined to your own property at all times. You are also responsible for picking up all animal waste.

Occupancy Limit
In Fort Collins, the occupancy limit allows no more than 3 unrelated individuals, owning or renting, to live in a dwelling unit. If found in violation tenants are given, at most, 30 days to rectify the situation. After that timeframe a citation may be given to the owner and/or tenants for up to $1000 per day. Don’t forget that visitors who spend the night more than 30 days in a calendar year are considered occupants.

Parking
It is illegal to park backwards on a city street, block a driveway, park on a front lawn, or remain parked on the street for more than 48 hours in the same place.

Nuisance Issues
970.416.2200 Nuisance Hotline
Whether you rent or own there are several important nuisance ordinances to be aware of. If violations are not corrected in the allotted time, the city will hire a contractor to rectify the situation and will bill you for the expense.

- **Weeds:** Weeds or grass on your property can be up to six inches tall.
- **Snow:** You are responsible for clearing snow and ice off your driveway and the sidewalks adjacent to your property within 24 hours of a snowfall.
- **Sofas:** Do you have a couch on your porch? The City of Fort Collins restricts all upholstered furniture in outdoor spaces.

Multiple Property Violations
The Public Nuisance Ordinance (PNO) is a tool for dealing with chronic problem properties. If a house receives two citations (of the same type) in six months, three citations (of any kind) in one year, or five citations in two years the result is an additional citation to the tenants and property owner. REMEMBER: PNO violations STAY WITH THE HOUSE, not with the former tenants. For more information, call 970.221.6676.

Register it.
Having a party? Party Registration is available for any Friday or Saturday party year-round.
By registering your party you will receive a warning phone call from police dispatch if someone calls to complain about the noise. If you break up your party within 20 minutes you could avoid a visit from the police and a $1,000 noise citation!
In order to be eligible you must register, in person, before 5pm on the Thursday before your party. All CSU students should register at Off-Campus Life (Room 142 LSC). All other residents should register at the Neighborhood Services office (281 N. College Avenue).
Visit ocl.colostate.edu for more information!
You Are Invited Downtown!

Did you know that Downtown Fort Collins hosts over 100 free events per year? With regular concerts, weekly art walks, and a fantastic selection of restaurants and bars, there is always something fun happening in Old Town. To see a list of upcoming events visit: http://www.downtownfortcollins.com!

Find a Safe Way Home!

After enjoying the exciting nightlife available in Downtown Fort Collins, there are many services available to help you get home safely.

- **RamRide (970-491-3333):** This free service is limited to CSU students only. Runs Thursdays 10pm-3am and Fridays & Saturdays 10pm-3am.
- **Designated Drivers Across America:** (970) 692-1595 www.ddaacolorado.com DDAA offers a “no excuse” solution to drinking and driving by providing a safe ride home for you in the comfort and convenience of your own vehicle. Using their service ensures you will never again have to risk driving after drinking just because you need your car home at the end of the night.
- **Yellow Cab Old Town Shuttle:** Runs Fridays & Saturdays 12am-3am. $6/person.
- **Yellow Cab:** (970) 224-2222
- **Central Car Service:** (970) 223-9933
- **No DUI:** (877) 663-8433
- **GreenRide:** (888) 472-6656
- **Dingo Shuttle Services:** (970) 371-5789

Help Keep Downtown a Great Place to Visit

The Fort Collins community is committed to keeping downtown a safe, attractive area at all hours. To help promote this, the pedestrian square does not allow loitering or people hanging out after the bars close. There are also steep fines for bad behavior. Some of the more common offenses include:

- Depositing Bodily waste (this covers urinating and vomiting, ick!) $300
- Disorderly Conduct $500
- Resisting Arrest $750
- Dismount Zone violation (includes bicycles and skateboards) $75

Along with the fines, the court has started requiring those ticketed to complete community service time. This time is spent helping City park crews clean-up downtown in the early morning hours.

Part of staying safe includes looking out for your friends! Always go out with others and don’t leave a friend behind.