Good Neighbour Guide



Developing a shared understanding of what it means to be a "good neighbour" is a great way to foster a supportive and harmonious community. This brief guide offers a few ideas about how we can all be good neighbours.

This guide is provided for informational purposes only, and the content of this guide is not enforceable by the RDOS.



Thank you for helping foster supportive and harmonious communities in the RDOS.

To view RDOS board policies, bylaws, and information about programs and services, please visit rdos.bc.ca.

Good Neighbour Principles

Respect property boundaries

Clearly mark and respect property lines to avoid disputes. Communicate with neighbours if you plan to make any changes that might affect shared boundaries.



Maintain open communication

Regularly check in with your neighbours and keep them informed about any activities that might impact them, such as large gatherings or construction projects.

Be considerate of noise levels

Be mindful of noise, especially during early mornings and late evenings. Inform neighbors in advance if you plan to have a noisy event

Manage pets responsibly

Ensure pets are well-behaved and do not roam onto neighbors' properties. Address any issues promptly if your pets cause disturbances.



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Share resources and skills

Communities thrive on cooperation. Offer to share tools, equipment, or skills, and be open to bartering services with neighbors.

Respect privacy

While being friendly is important, also respect your neighbours' need for privacy. Avoid intruding on their personal space without invitation.

Help during emergencies

Be prepared to assist neighbors in emergencies, such as natural disasters or medical situations. Exchange contact information and establish a plan for mutual aid. Offer help to with snow clearing.





Participate in community activities

Engage in local events and initiatives to build strong community ties. This helps create a sense of belonging and mutual support.

Address conflicts amicably

If conflicts arise, address them calmly and respectfully. Seek to understand the other person's perspective and work towards a mutually agreeable solution.

RDOS Contacts

Front Counter 250-492-0237 Toll-free (BC and AB) 1-877-610-3737

Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)
Information Line 250-490-4225

After-hours Water and Sewer Emergencies 250-490-4141

Building Inspection Requests 250-490-4100

Cemeteries, Parks, Trails 250-490-4114

Communications 250-490-4148

Finance Hotline 250-490-4140

Mosquito Control 250-490-4142

Solid Waste Hotline 250-490-4129

Regional Bylaws

Bylaw Enforcement 250-490-4113

Animal Control

Electoral Areas "B" and "G"

Dog Control

Electoral Areas "A", "B", "C", "D",
"E", "F", "G", "I"

Noise Control Bylaw No. 2931 Electoral Areas "C", "D", "E", "F", "I"

Untidy and Unsightly Premises
Electoral Areas "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H"

For information about bylaws in specific electoral areas, please visit rdos.bc.ca and select Local Government.

Electoral Areas

Area "A" (Rural Osoyoos)

Area "B" (Cawston, Lower Similkameen)

Area "C" (Rural Oliver)

Area "D" (Skaha East, Okanagan Falls)

Area "E" (Naramata)

Area "F" (Greater West Bench, Rural Summerland, Okanagan Lake West)

Area "G" (Rural Keremeos, Hedley, Olalla)

Area "H" (Rural Princeton, Tulameen, Coalmont, Eastgate)

Area "I" (Skaha West, Kaleden, Apex)

For information about specific electoral areas, please visit rdos.bc.ca and select Electoral Area News.



The RDOS is located within the traditional territory of the syilx Okanagan and sməlqmíx peoples.

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Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
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