



NOISE

HOW TO KEEP THE PEACE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS

If only we all liked the same sounds - and at the same time – life would be much simpler. But we don't. When it comes to everyday sounds of a busy neighbourhood, we each have different lifestyles, different tastes and different tolerances.

What's music to your ears could well be 'that awful noise' to your neighbour; nocturnal vacuuming may suit your lifestyle, but is giving the person in the flat below sleepless nights; and your dog barking after you've left for work is slowly driving the young mother next door crazy.

If you can hear the stereo being played upstairs, chances are your neighbour can hear it too.

Some noise is unavoidable – but there are simple ways to avoid disturbing others.

HOW TO BE A CONSIDERATE NEIGHBOUR

Stereo and TV

Think about the volume or use headphones. Pull the TV and speakers away from your neighbour's wall. Raise them from the floor if possible.



Household chores

Consider not mowing the lawn or starting the DIY at the crack of dawn. You may be an early riser, but others could be trying to get some rest. Night birds should equally think about doing their vacuuming or washing at less 'anti-social' hours.



Dogs

Dogs may bark because they are lonely. Constant barking or whining can be disturbing to your neighbours. A well-trained dog will not bark unnecessarily.



We all make noise but awareness is the key to making sure your noise is not a problem for others!!

Cars



Don't play your car stereo to the world at large. Make sure your music isn't disturbing others, especially when you're parked or waiting for someone. Make sure your car alarm works properly.

Parties

If you're planning a party, your neighbours are likely to be much more understanding if you warn them well in advance – you might even invite them. Either way, don't ruin their evening – and encourage guests to be equally respectful.



Alarms

Make sure a key-holder can be contacted if your house alarm goes off while you're away. See that it is regularly maintained to ensure that it doesn't go off accidentally.



Further information is available by contacting Environmental Health on 028 2566 0372