

10 Easy Steps to Be a Great Neighbor

1. Wave + learn one name.

Next Step: Use it next time ("Good morning, Maria!") and note pets/kids in your phone.

2. Notice + compliment something specific.

Next Step: Ask a follow - up question later:

"How are the tomatoes doing?" or "Your pup still loving the morning walks?"

3. Ask for a little help: a cup of sugar, an egg or batteries.

Next Step: Drop a small bundle - garden herbs, extra tomatoes, spare batteries - with a sticky note: "From [your name] at #412. Glad to be neighbors."

4. Swap contact info.

Next Step: Send a simple intro text or card: "Hi, It's [your name] at 400 W. 57th. Here if you ever need anything - package pickup, extra eggs, quick check-in."

Bonus Step: Create a group text with 2-3 immediate neighbors for "porch watch or package rescue," opt-out anytime.

5. Quick porch hello.

Next Step: Set a "porch time" with one household this month - lemonade, lawn chairs, fire pit & s'mores, kids welcome.

6. Ask for a local tip.

Next Step: Try their suggestion (coffee spot, restaurant, hardware store, hiking spot, best dog route) and report back with a thank you.

7. Pray the block on your walk.

Next Step: After a friendly chat, ask one person, "Anything I could pray for this week?" Follow up next time you see them on what you were praying for them.

8. Share something useful.

Next Step: Send a resource list of items you're willing to share: services, tools, snow shovels, cleaning gadgets, car equipment. Start a "borrow box" for tools.

9. Kid-friendly kindness messages with chalk on a sidewalk.

Next Step: Create or supply a small free-library of kids' books. Paint rocks and leave them around the neighborhood. Buy a bubble machine you can walk with and spread bubble joy.

10. Cookie give-away. (share a plate of cookies)

Next Step: Move your grill to the front yard and invite others to join. Invite a neighbor to dinner and ask them to bring something to contribute to the meal.

Share your neighboring story

