

Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority



A Good Neighbor!

Neighborhoods have changed over the past several years. In the past our community understood that we all had a duty to keep our village and neighborhoods safe by looking out for one another and protecting each other's family and belongings. Being a good neighbor and having a good neighbor is important in keeping a healthy and safe neighborhood. Being neighborly can have a positive impact and can provide support for each other.

Here in Jemez, residents are familiar with the daily routine of waving to your neighbors or knocking on their door to borrow some cheese to complete the enchiladas. Now that we have recognized some reasons to be a good neighbor, let us explore some ways to act with respect in being a trustworthy, friendly, respectful, and quite neighbor. Here are some good qualities that can help build positive neighborly relationships.

- **Have your neighbors and communities' interest in mind.**

- ✓ When it comes to your home and their property line, having a trustworthy neighbor is everything. If there is ever a time that you or your neighbor may not be home and may ask each other to watch their home, keep their best interest in mind while you are watching their home.

- **Lend a helping hand to those that need it and are more at risk.**

- ✓ During COVID-19 it is important to lend a hand where and when you can. It is especially important to help our elderly neighbors who you know needs help. At the minimum, offer your help to an elderly or disabled neighbor.

- **Be active in your community or neighborhood.**

- ✓ Being active in your neighborhood helps with trust and neighborly relationships over time. For example, picking up trash along the neighborhood roads and your property line, or picking up piles of chopped weeds. It takes a good deed to build a good community.





- **Honor your word.**
 - ✓ There is not one person who desires to have a neighbor that says one thing but really means another. Keeping your word is a large part of building trust.
- **Be respectful of noise especially after hours.**
 - ✓ A respectful neighbor will make sure that the noise level is at a reasonable level. When hosting a party be sure to inform and/or invite your neighbor to the gathering.
- **Communicate with your neighbors.**
 - ✓ Provide them with your direct contact number so that they can call you in case of an emergency or if your noise becomes too disrupting. This gesture will provide your neighbors with the feeling of trust and openness. Communication is an integral part of being neighborly and building trust.

Being a good neighbor is an important part to having healthy relationship with your neighbors and community. The Pueblo of Jemez Community has been a good neighbor since the establishment of our village, it takes a community cooperating and coming together to keep our village safe. Being a Good Neighbor and a simple smile can make a world of difference in someone's day!

