



"Good Neighbor" Guidelines for Child Care Providers and Parents

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GUIDELINES FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

The vast majority of child care is provided in family day care homes in Walnut Creek. Presently, all large family day care homes (7-14 kids) and child care centers operating in Walnut Creek are located in our neighborhoods. As a child care provider operating in a neighborhood, you can assure your "good neighbor" reputation and limit any potential problems by following these general guidelines:

- As a courtesy, be aware of your neighbors' schedules, especially if any of your immediate neighbors work nights and sleep during the day.
- Try to keep children's noise to a reasonable level, i.e., if children begin crying outside take them inside to console them.
- Locate play equipment at least 10 feet from property boundaries, and lower than perimeter fencing.

We realize that kids can be very difficult to control and have lots of energy. Following these simple guidelines can win you big points with your neighbors.



GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

We also offer the following tips for parents/guardian(s):

- Always remember that you are visiting a residential neighborhood.
- Do not speed on residential streets.
- Do not honk your care horn or call in a loud voice when dropping off or picking up a child.
- Turn off car ignition - do not let it idle.
- Pull into the day care provider's driveway, if available, when dropping off or picking up children.
- Do not park or turn around in the neighbor's driveway.
- Do not back up into busy streets.
- In order to ease traffic congestion, keep your stay short, or share a ride with another parent.

The City thanks you for the services you provide to the parents and children of this community and.... Thanks for being a "Good Neighbor!"