Conversations that Connect:

Practical ways to handle neighbour issues with confidence and care.

Start with Connection

A friendly wave builds trust Relationships make difficult conversations easier

Before the Conversation

What outcome do you want?
Write down specific facts
Avoid generalisations

Choose a Time and Place

When you're both relaxed Neutral, quiet location Give advance notice

Smart Language Choices

Stay calm and solution-focused
Use "I" statements
Avoid "You" accusations

When Things get Tricky

Take a break if emotions run high Focus on what you agree on Be open to compromise

Need Extra Help?

Community mediation services Strata managers (unit complexes) Professional counselling

Common Neighbour Issues

Noise - music, renovations, parties

Parking - wrong spots, blocked driveways

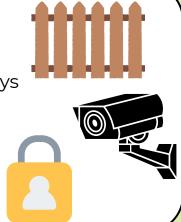
Pets - barking, wandering, waste

Rubbish - overflowing bins, odours

Property - maintenance, boundaries

Privacy - overly curious behaviour

Security - locked doors, cameras



This tip sheet is a starting point. For more detail, explore our full resource:

<u>Building Relationships and Having Difficult Conversations with Neighbours.</u>

