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# LIVING OFF CAMPUS IN MANCHESTER FOR THE FIRST TIME A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

If you've not lived off-campus before, you'll probably find it's a different way of living. This guide has information and advice to help you live in a clean, safe neighbourhood: there are

top tips, useful contact details and information about your bins, being a good neighbour, staying safe and how to get involved in some great volunteering opportunities.



**FOUR SIMPLE STEPS FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD HARMONY**



# KNOW YOUR BINS!

There should be stickers on your bins telling you when your collection days are, and which bins need to be put out each week. If you're not sure, download your calendar at [www.manchester.gov.uk/bincollections](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/bincollections)

If you have a wheelie bin for your rubbish and there are six or more people living in your house, you can apply for a second bin. It's your responsibility to put your bins out for collection on the right day, and bring them back in too. If you lose your rubbish bin you'll have to pay for a replacement so make sure you always bring it in once it's been emptied each time.

Your rubbish must go inside your rubbish bin. We won't collect any extra bags left at the side or nearby, but this shouldn't be a problem because 70% of the average rubbish bin is recyclable stuff, so make full use of your recycling bins.

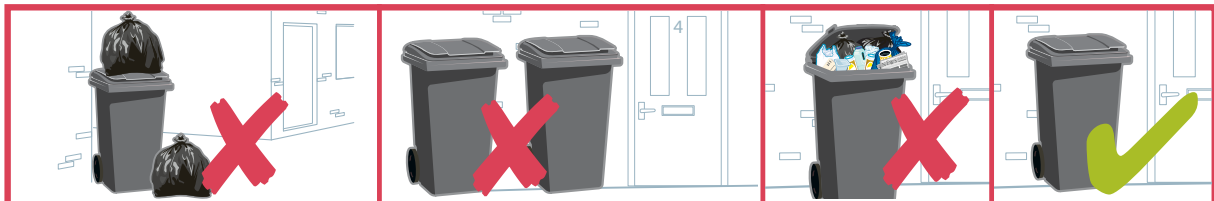
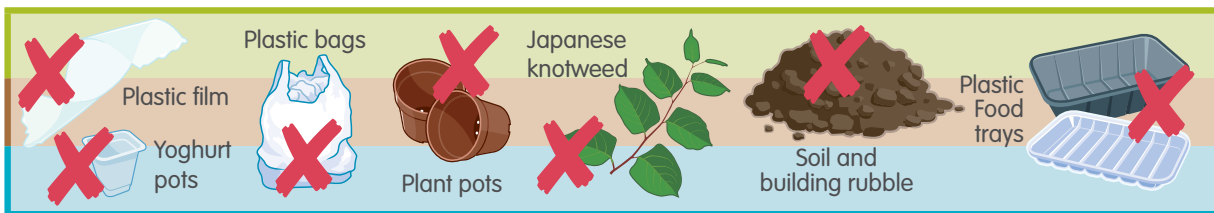
If you have extra rubbish it's your responsibility, not the landlord, to get it removed. Take it to the local tip or request a bulky collection (it's free for the first three items.)

If you live in an apartment block, you will have shared recycling and rubbish bins. Ask your caretaker or concierge if you're not sure where they are.

To order bins, request a bulky rubbish collection, find your local tips, and for more information on recycling, visit [www.manchester.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/recycling) email [contact@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:contact@manchester.gov.uk)

YOU CAN REQUEST  
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# BEFORE YOU BIN IT, THINK - UP TO 70% OF YOUR BIN CAN BE RECYCLED



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# BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR & ENJOY WHERE YOU LIVE

Both The University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University work hard to build good relationships with local communities across Manchester. As a student, you are an ambassador of your universities in the local community.

The universities expect you to have a positive impact on your community and be good neighbours. You can do this by being considerate to neighbours, especially in terms of noise levels and rubbish.

We work very closely with Manchester City Council and Greater Manchester Police throughout the year to ensure that when any problems arise they are managed quickly and effectively. We take community complaints seriously and where appropriate follow up complaints with further action.

## TOP TIPS:

- Introduce yourselves to your neighbours on the street or in your building and build up a relationship with them
- Be considerate to those around you: many households are families and not students
- Keep your garden clean and tidy, and make sure you bring your bins in after collection.
- Apartment blocks will have shared recycling and rubbish bins - ask your caretaker or concierge

## VOLUNTEERING

If you want to volunteer in your local area, why not join our Good Neighbours Scheme? As part of this new scheme, students will volunteer along local resident groups to improve their local area.

Contact [goodneighbours@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:goodneighbours@manchester.ac.uk) to sign up or visit [www.manchesterstudenthomes.com/community](http://www.manchesterstudenthomes.com/community) for more information.

GIVE TIME  
SOME TIME  
TO YOUR  
COMMUNITY



# CHOOSE TO BE SAFE

Manchester is one of the safest places in which to live and work. However, do not be complacent. By taking a few simple precautions at home and travelling about, you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

## Home Security: top tips

- If your home has an alarm, use it.
- Lock your doors and windows - including upstairs windows.
- Keep your laptop, car keys, smart phones and other valuables out of sight. Register your property on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).
- If everyone is going out, leave a light or radio on and draw the curtains to give the impression someone's in. Maybe use low-energy light bulbs.
- A good deterrent is a rear light as it makes an intruder feel exposed. Check to see if you have a rear light that works. If you do not have one, contact your landlord.

## Personal Safety: top tips

- Be aware of your surroundings when you have your headphones on or you are using your mobile phone. Walk facing the traffic so a car cannot suddenly pull up behind you.
- If you want to travel by taxi, use a licensed taxi or private hire vehicle from a recognised firm or official taxi rank. You should only ever flag down a black cab. You will need to book a private hire minicab with the company.
- Travelling by public transport? Plan your journey at [www.tfgm.com](http://www.tfgm.com)
- Try not to use a cash point late at night or in a deserted place and never count money in the street – put it away immediately. Stop, look and check the machine for anything unusual. If in doubt, do not use.
- Look out for the Student Safe Zones located along Wilmslow Road/Oxford Road. If you are feeling concerned for your safety, you can drop in at any of the premises displaying this sign.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

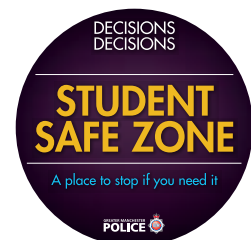
In an emergency dial 999.

Police non-emergency: 101

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

[gmp.police.uk/students.htm](http://gmp.police.uk/students.htm)

[facebook.com/mcrstudentsafer](https://facebook.com/mcrstudentsafer).





# CHANGE YOUR WORLD!

Learn a new skill, improve your self-confidence, meet new people and build your CV.

Volunteering is a great way to gain experience and confidence, as well as learn valuable new skills employers are looking for. So why not spare a few hours each week or month to volunteer and make a difference?

Both The University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University can help you to get involved with local communities, charities and volunteering projects.

They:

- Advertise hundreds of volunteering opportunities across Greater Manchester through their volunteering services
- Provide one-to-one advice to help you with volunteering queries
- Run events on campus for you to meet charities and not-for-profit organisations that want to recruit students as volunteers
- Will tell you how to get your volunteering work recognised
- Will keep you up to date with the latest volunteering news and events
- Can tell you who to contact.

**The University of Manchester:** for lots more information and the chance to browse volunteer opportunities go to:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteers](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/volunteers)

OR

Email: [volunteers@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:volunteers@manchester.ac.uk)

Call: 0161 275 2828

Twitter: [@mlpvolunteering](https://twitter.com/mlpvolunteering)

Alternatively The University of Manchester's Students' Union also offers volunteering projects. To find out more visit:

[manchesterstudentsunion.com/studentaction](http://manchesterstudentsunion.com/studentaction)

OR

Email: [action.su@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:action.su@manchester.ac.uk)

Call: 0161 275 2948

Twitter: [@SA\\_MCR](https://twitter.com/SA_MCR)

**Manchester Metropolitan University:** to register and search for voluntary vacancies go to:

[www.mmunion.ac.uk/volunteering](http://www.mmunion.ac.uk/volunteering)

OR

Email: [volunteering@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:volunteering@mmu.ac.uk)

Call: 0161 247 2211

You will also find local volunteering opportunities at [www.mmu.ac.uk/students/futures/](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/students/futures/)