

Hosting a Neighbourhood Event



Planning Your First Neighbourhood Event: Keep It Simple!

Your first neighbourhood event doesn't need to be elaborate; its main goal is to bring neighbours together.

1. Involve Your Neighbours Invite neighbours to help plan the event. Hold a planning meeting, either in person or online, and inform them about the details through messages, notes, or calls.

2. Decide on Event Details

- **Type of Event:** Consider options like an ice cream social, yard meetup, cookie exchange, or campfire.
- **Date, Time, and Location:** Check for other local events that might conflict. Confirm the date and time works for most neighbours and have a backup venue in case of bad weather.
- **Invitations and RSVPs:** Define your neighbourhood, decide who to invite, and plan how to send invites. Ask for RSVPs by a specific date.

3. Plan Activities Think about what you'll do during the event. Create a loose agenda that caters to all age groups, including games and networking.

4. Organize Food and Drinks Plan a menu and consider a potluck. When inviting neighbours, ask them to bring a dish and specify what type of food you're providing. Strive to be inclusive by checking out food preferences for those from other countries and those with allergies.

5. Create a Checklist and Delegate Tasks Make a list of tasks needed before, during, and after the event. Ask neighbours to help with setup, serving, organizing activities, and cleanup.

6. Follow Up After the Event Thank everyone for coming! Share photos or highlights from the event, gather feedback for future gatherings, and start discussing when your next event will be.

Event Ideas

- Outdoor movie night
- Group hike
- Pancake breakfast
- Ice cream social
- Trivia night
- Simple BBQ
- Street chalking party
- Spaghetti dinner
- Dessert exchange
- Game night
- Book, toy, or clothing exchange
- Music Jam

Check out the **"Event Invite"** cards in your Neighbourhood Kit.

Add your details to the back of the card and use them to notify and invite your neighbours to the event.

