

50 Ways to be the Best Neighbor Ever!

- Smile
- Wave or say hello when you see them
- Take them a treat
- Invite them over for dinner or dessert
- Let them know when garbage day is. Offer extra space in your garbage can while they are unpacking
- Give them a list of phone numbers (electric company, gas company, city resources, your favorite repair man)
- Let them know about holidays and city events
- Invite them to church
- Help them with yard work
- Take them a Book of Mormon or Church video
- Have a block party (bbq, ice cream social, roast hotdogs and marshmallows)
- Invite them to a ward activity or social gathering
- Have a play date and introduce them to others in your neighborhood
- Give them a list of local babysitters you like
- Give a list of doctors, vets, dentist and other professionals
- Give a list of favorite places to shop
- Give them to-go menus from local restaurants you like (mark some of your favorite items)
- Help unload the moving truck
- Offer to unpack a box or two
- Introduce them to kids or teens similar in age to their children
- Take them a welcome gift (plant, door mat, door decoration)
- Introduce yourself
- Share neighborhood watch information
- Offer to "show them the ropes" in their new surroundings. If your culture is unfamiliar to them, offer to help them go shopping or get kids registered for school
- Help them learn a few words in the local language
- Talk to them, just be a friend
- Take them to a neighborhood meeting or a city council meeting
- Check on them if there is bad weather or another emergency
- Pray for them
- Pray to know anything you can do to help them to adjust quicker
- Pay a generous fast offering
- Give them a gift card to your favorite shop or store
- Give them a bus/train/subway schedule and tell them how the local transportation system works. Share safety tips and offer to help them ride on their first trip
- Teach them how to cook a few local favorite recipes
- Ask them to teach you how to cook a meal from their country
- Share produce from your garden
- Help them find their church location and worship schedule
- Share emergency information with them. Where to call for fire, police or what to do if there is a medical emergency

- Pay attention to their interest and ask them to teach you how to do something they enjoy
- Talk to them when you see them places (church, school, the store)
- If they are older or disabled, offer to help with shopping or yardwork
- Bring them dinner while they are still getting settled
- Offer to watch young kids for an hour while they organize their pantry or unpack their dishes
- Bring them paper plates, cups and plastic silverware in case they haven't unpacked their real dishes. Cleaning supplies might be nice too
- Pray for a desire to be a better neighbor
- Use social media in a positive uplifting way especially when using neighborhood or community pages
- Invite neighbors to join you for holiday celebrations, share some of your family traditions and have them share some of theirs
- Have a game night with a few couples in your neighborhood
- Offer to be an emergency contact if they don't have family living close
- Just be you. You are enough and you can make all the difference in the world for your new neighbors

These are just a few suggestions we gathered over the month. As neighbors come and go and as we work to build a nation of neighbors, we can be inspired how to help all of our brothers and sisters feel like they belong anywhere they go. We don't have to do EVERYTHING but we should do something. A lot of the time a small act of kindness or a small amount of time can make a huge impact on people, especially as they try to adjust to their new home.