

Moving In

Top ten tips for living in Kingston:

1. Get to know your neighbours. Just because you are student residents doesn't mean you aren't part of the community. Good next door neighbour relationships are a great part of your new experience.
2. Be considerate of your neighbours' lifestyles – if you are having a party, let neighbours know in advance and agree (and stick to!) a reasonable finishing time.
3. Don't disturb your neighbours by playing loud music or games or by being noisy when you come home from a night out. If your neighbours report you to the council or to the University you may face penalties from both. Remember your neighbours are only trying to keep their children asleep, get some kip for an early start at work or relax in their own home.
4. Find out when your rubbish and recycling days are – your neighbours will be able to tell you. Don't put rubbish out too early or the foxes may get it and you will be left with a mess to clean up. Do recycle as much rubbish as you can - be an eco student - www.kingston.ac.uk/sustainability
5. Use public transport or buy a bike to travel around. You don't really need a car to travel in Kingston. Parking in Kingston is incredibly limited and if you need residential parking it can be expensive. If you do bring a car, be considerate about where you park and how much noise you make if you return home late at night.
6. Keep your garden under control. If it's a jungle when you move out you will be charged to tame it!
7. Join your local neighbourhood watch scheme or Residents' Association – you can keep up to date with what is happening in the area and issues that may affect you.
8. Keep your front garden tidy and clear of rubbish – if your house is easily identifiable as a student house it could be targeted by burglars. Students are one of the most likely groups to be victims of crime.
9. Make sure your landlord provides a copy of the gas safety certificate for your house - carbon monoxide can kill. If you smell gas call the gas emergency number.
10. Enjoy living in and being a member of the local community.

