

# TOP-TIPS TO PREVENT NEIGHBOUR NUISANCE DURING LOCKDOWN

# **Amplified music /games**

**Consider volume** - if you can hear it beyond the boundary of your home and garden, it's probably too loud.

**Speakers** - if you're listening to music in the garden, please position speakers towards your own home, pointing away from neighbouring properties.

## DIY

**Is the work noisy?** Think about the hours you are undertaking it and try not to do it late at night

**Heads up** - if you're planning on doing some home improvements during your time at home, please let your neighbours know in advance - post a letter or message them.

# Garden bonfires and bbqs

**Appeal** - St Helens Council has joined forces with Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service and other local authorities in issuing an urgent appeal to residents to not light garden bonfires. Garden waste can go in your brown bin at this time, be stored for collection when our garden waste service eventually resumes, or you could think about composting garden waste for use in your garden.

Smoke can be harmful to someone with a respiratory problem such as Asthma and even Coronavirus (COVID-19) – it can also prevent others from getting fresh air in the garden.

**Remember** – burning household rubbish or plastics, foam or paint can produce toxic fumes.

**BBQ?**- let your neighbours know and never leave it unattended. Keep smoke and noise under control. People should also remember that gatherings in their home or garden with people who do not live with them are currently banned under social distancing rules.

### Dogs

**Barking** - dogs may bark because they are lonely which can disturb neighbours - please don't leave them unattended if they are likely to bark.

**Take the lead** – if you're walking your dog in the park, please keep them on their lead so you can control your social distance from others.

**Pick it up** - if you're out walking your dog under social distancing rules, please take a bag out with you and clean-up after them - you can dispose of the waste bag in any public bin or take it home with you. Don't ruin the outdoors for others.

For more information about Stay At Home Guidance, visit: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus



