

Dear Texas State Student:

Welcome to Texas State and San Marcos, a dynamic city in the fastest growing economic region in Texas. Texas State and the City of San Marcos take pride in working together to reach out to both students and year-round residents. However, many of our students do live here year-round, and we are proud you call San Marcos your home!

It is important that as Texas State students and members of the community, you respect your fellow neighbors. Get to know the residents on your street or in your apartment complex. Most importantly, be good representatives of Texas State and the City of San Marcos. As a Texas State student, you help make our university great and our city economically vibrant and attractive to future companies that you may work for someday here in San Marcos. Working together, we can make a difference!

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Off Campus Student Services

LBJ Student Center 4-11.1
601 University Drive
San Marcos, TX 78666-4616
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OCSS@txstate.edu

Helpful Web Addresses

www.txstate.edu
www.sanmarcostx.gov
www.lbjsc.txstate.edu/commuter/new/

Important Information

Emergency (Fire • Police • Ambulance) 911

Cable Television

- Time Warner 805.2555
- Grande Communications 878.4880

Crisis Hotlines

- Hays County Crisis Hotline 396.3939
- Hays-Caldwell Women's Center 396.4357

Fire (Nonemergency)

- Central Fire Station 393.8460
- Gas Company (Centerpoint) 392.6672

Health Care

- Student Health Center 245.2161
- Central Texas Medical Center 353.8979
- Brackenridge Hospital Austin 324.7000
- Hays County Health Clinic 392.2684
- Family Planning 392.5810

Internet Services

- CenturyTel 754.5699
- Grande Communications 878.4880
- San Marcos Internet 393.5300
- Time Warner 805.2555
- Municipal Court 393.8190

Police (Nonemergency)

- University Police Department 245.2805
- San Marcos Police 753.2108
- Hays County Sheriff 393.7800
- Hays County Jail 393.7800
- Crime Stoppers 800.324.8477

Ride Home

- San Marcos Taxi 805.7928
- Street Closures 392.2222

Telephone Service

- CenturyTel 393.8130
- Grande Communications 754.5699

Texas State University-San Marcos

- Switchboard 878.4880
- Student Legal Advisor 245.2111

Trash Collection (residential)

- Utilities (City) 393.8026

- Connect, disconnect, billing 393.8383
- Electric repair 393.8301
- Water repair (city lines) 393.8010

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

GETTING ALONG IN A UNIVERSITY TOWN

You have come to Texas State University-San Marcos to create your future. You will always cherish these unforgettable college years. This is where you will have life-changing experiences and make lasting friendships. Welcome home, Bobcats!



A member of The Texas State University System

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TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY-SAN MARCOS
& THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

The Good Neighbor Philosophy

- Keep San Marcos and Texas State safe.
- Improve and protect our quality of life.
- Have good rapport among residents, students, and law enforcement.
- Encourage voluntary compliance with local, state and federal rules and laws.
- Maintain a positive and thriving relationship with Texas State, the City of San Marcos and our community.

How to Stay Safe and Have Fun in Bobcat Country

Being a good neighbor in a university town starts with respect and consideration. This means:

- Obeying the law
- Safe driving—slowing down and not running red lights and stop signs
- No littering
- No unreasonable noise from your vehicle or during parties
- No illegal drinking (underage or overindulging)
- No illegal parking—downtown or in neighborhoods
- No disorderly conduct—including urination in public

Did You Know?

- No bicycles, skateboards, or roller blades are permitted on sidewalks.
- Park Curfew—all City Parks close at 11 p.m. unless otherwise authorized by permit or approved special event.
- Parking downtown is for the customers of the downtown merchants. Many downtown lots are private property where parking is strictly for customers use. Tow-away zones are *strictly* enforced and tows can be VERY expensive.

Alcohol & The Law: What is illegal?

- Drinking or possessing alcohol under age 21
- Providing alcohol to anyone under age 21
- Drinking alcohol in a public place during prohibited hours (midnight to 6 a.m. Sunday through Friday, and 1 a.m. to noon Saturday night to Sunday noon). A public place may include private property—if you're within public view
- Having open containers of alcohol in a moving vehicle
- Being publicly intoxicated to a degree that you might endanger yourself or others
- Driving intoxicated (presumed intoxication begins at .08 percent blood-alcohol content)
- Possessing or presenting a fake ID or an ID issued to another person

It's Your Party...and Your Responsibility

Anyone hosting a party in San Marcos at a residence or anywhere in a residential area is legally responsible for the conduct of guests—invited or uninvited.

The City's Host Responsibility Ordinances means you are held responsible for your party—including litter, noise, parking, use of alcohol, and any illegal conduct. People who host unreasonable or irresponsible parties are at risk for arrest, fines, civil liabilities, loss of electric service, and eviction if renting.

You can access the Party Responsibility and Noise Nuisance Ordinances on the Web at:
www.sanmarcostx.gov

Community Alert Notification

A community alert provides an opportunity to resolve concerns between city and student residents and ensures compliance with local and state rules and laws. To report a community alert, fill out the online form at www.studentaffairs.txstate.edu/communityalert/ or www.sanmarcostx.gov. Your form will be submitted to Off-Campus Student Services.

Keep the Noise Down

Car Stereo/ Car Noise—Car stereo music or audio vibrations may not travel farther than 30 feet from the vehicle. Keep your car stereo turned down to a reasonable level, especially in neighborhoods.

Residential Noise—Unreasonable noise is prohibited in any residential area at any hour. Always be aware of the noise you make in neighborhoods. Respect your neighbors.



Consequences

San Marcos Police track alcohol, party and noise complaints within the city.

The consequences can be:

- Citations issued to violators and/ or party hosts
- Fines ranging up to \$500
- Arrest and jail time for certain offenses (disorderly conduct, DWI, etc.)
- Loss of electric service
- Eviction by landlords

The Police Department sends notices to property owners, managers and landlords, informing them of complaints and of the conduct of their tenants and tenants' guests.

Drug and alcohol violations or criminal acts may also lead to disciplinary action at Texas State, including probation, suspension or expulsion.