

# Welcome to Niederhasli

## Key information at a glance



### Living in Switzerland / Languages

In Switzerland, we have “criteria for integration”. You are expected to observe public safety and order, respect the values of the Federal Constitution and be responsible for your own livelihood. Another important issue is ongoing training and, in this connection, a sufficient knowledge of the German language.

German is the official language spoken in the Canton of Zurich. In this context, a distinction is made between High German and Swiss German (dialect). High German is used in written communication throughout the German-speaking parts of Switzerland. Knowledge of German is essential in order to be able to communicate in day-to-day life.

The municipality of Niederhasli offers German courses with additional childcare. The German language courses are designed to meet the learning needs of the participants. The lessons focus on topics that are relevant for day-to-day life and provide information about life in Switzerland. All residents of Niederhasli can attend the first German course free of charge. Subject to certain requirements being met, the municipality will pay half the costs of all subsequent courses.

You can find further information from the municipality of Niederhasli by calling **043 411 22 30** or on the website [www.ecap.ch](http://www.ecap.ch).



### Residence / Refuse

Sharing an apartment building can be challenging and may sometimes result in misunderstandings or avoidable conflict. The important thing to do in this situation is to talk to your neighbours. Many apartment buildings have house rules.

#### Basic rules:

- Take care of your home and surroundings
- Noise: Have consideration and observe quiet periods
- Quiet periods 12 am to 1 pm / 10 pm to 7 am
- Refuse must be disposed of in specific rubbish bags at cost
- Rubbish bags that are not collected are subject to a fine
- Do not dispose of plastic in the compost



Refuse collection in Niederhasli is every Thursday and every Friday in Oberhasli, Mettmehasli and Nassenwil. Rubbish bags must be deposited at the roadside or in containers by 7 am on the day of collection. Only specific rubbish bags may be used, which can be bought in shops throughout the region. All other rubbish bags will not be collected and you can expect to be fined for using them. Domestic refuse such as glass bottles, aluminium cans and containers can be disposed of at various collection points in Niederhasli, Oberhasli and Nassenwil. If you have a lot of refuse to dispose of, you can bring it to the recycling center at Industriestrasse 15 in Niederhasli, where the staff will be glad to assist you if needed.

To find out more, visit our website [www.niederhasli.ch](http://www.niederhasli.ch) and refer to the “Wertstoffentsorgung und Recycling” leaflet which you can pick up



at the municipal authority office. A leaflet which you can pick up at the community center contains everything you need to know about the proper disposal of organic waste (garden cuttings, fruit and vegetable scraps, etc.). The Department of Construction and Environment, Civil Engineering and Landscape Division, telephone **043 411 22 60** will be glad to help.

Please help to keep our community clean!

### School and Education / Child Care



All children living in the Canton of Zurich attend school for a minimum of 11 years. Classes are co-educational (boys and girls) and non-denominational. From age four, children attend pre-school (kindergarten) for two years. This is followed by primary school (six years) and secondary (three years). Public schools are free of charge.



Parents may choose to send their children to a private school, which they have to pay for themselves. Make the most of what Niederhasli has to offer in terms of child care. In addition to child care facilities, there are a range of other child care possibilities available to help parents combine work and family commitments. Depending on their needs, there are a number of different types of education and care available for children of pre-school age:

- Day care (Kita)
- Nannies
- Play groups
- Babysitting
- Day-nursery
- Afternoon care
- Toddler groups



These programmes play an important role in furthering children's language skills. Especially if your child has little or no knowledge of German, this is a great way to help them learn the language. As well as interacting with their parents, communicating with other children is key for children's early language skills development. Children learn to interact and communicate with each other, as well as to form and maintain relationships. Niederhasli primary school provides childcare for school children outside normal teaching hours



(lunch/morning and afternoon care). You can find information here: [www.ps-niederhasli.ch](http://www.ps-niederhasli.ch).

Information on other interesting offers for children of all age groups and for the whole family can be found on our website [www.niederhasli.ch](http://www.niederhasli.ch) (search under "Kinder- und Jugendangebote").

You will find additional information in the "Eintauchen in die Kinder- und Jugendangebote" youth and child-care brochure which is available on our website or at the community centre. If you have any questions or need advice, please contact the Department for Social Affairs: [soziales@niederhasli.ch](mailto:soziales@niederhasli.ch) / telephone: **043 411 22 30** or the Department of Education: [primarschule@niederhasli.ch](mailto:primarschule@niederhasli.ch) /



telephone: **043 411 22 70**.

Teenagers can meet up at the "Huebi" recreational centre, where youth workers attend to the concerns of young people, offer personal counselling and organise youth projects. For more information, call **043 497 61 42**.

## Clubs and Recreation

Niederhasli has over 40 active clubs. Make the most of the many opportunities on offer in the municipality of Niederhasli, for example sporting activities, music, culture, leisure, entertainment and much more. This will also bring you closer to the local population. Visit our media library, go swimming in the Haslisee lake and discover our beautiful natural surroundings.

Are you planning a family celebration or other occasion? We have a range of rooms available for rent. You can obtain more information on our website [www.niederhasli.ch](http://www.niederhasli.ch).



## Traffic/Parking

Parking in public areas at night between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am on a regular basis is subject to parking fees. Passenger cars and small delivery vans cost CHF 50 per month. More detailed information can be obtained from the Security

Division, [sicherheit@niederhasli.ch](mailto:sicherheit@niederhasli.ch) / telephone: **043 411 22 42**.



## Emergency numbers and useful services

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|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Ambulance/rescue        | 144 | • Medical emergency service     | 0800 33 66 55 | <u>Doctors in Nieder-/Oberhasli</u>   |
| • Police                  | 117 | • Poisoning                     | 145           | Dr. Fantacci/Dr. Widmer 044 850 37 77 |
| • Fire department         | 118 | • Child and adolescent helpline | 147           | Dr. F. + M. Rüdy 044 850 40 35        |
| • International emergency | 112 | • Parent helpline               | 0848 35 45 55 | Dentist Dr. Roth 044 850 60 30        |

Questions? Get in touch – we would be glad to help!

Integration Officer Claudia Ryter, **043 411 22 30**

Municipal administration opening times

Mon: 8.30 – 11.30 am, 2.00 – 6.30 pm / Tue: 8.30 – 11.30 am / Wed+Thurs: 8.30 – 11.30 am, 2.00 – 4.30 pm / Fri: 7.00 am – 1.30 pm

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