Q&A guide for renting and living in Santa Cruz.
If your landlord is terrible at maintaining your rental, then take action by…

a. Wearing super-dark sunglasses so you don’t notice the mess
b. Auditioning to be on HGTV’s *Home Makeover* with Meg Caswell
c. Making a landlord voodoo doll and getting creative with the pins
d. Contacting Santa Cruz City Code Compliance at (831) 420-5100

This department is responsible for the investigation and enforcement of complaints about zoning and building violations.

You and one of the neighborhood residents don’t see eye to eye. Your best bet is to…

a. Bake them a batch of cookies using organic insect parts
b. Go incognito by disguising yourself as a banana slug (No, a real one!)
c. Start coughing up fake blood whenever your neighbor approaches
d. Chat with a campus Good Neighbor intern

Good Neighbor interns serve as liaisons between students and full-time residents, community organizations, and the Santa Cruz Police Department. They’ll field your questions or suggestions about making life in your neighborhood nicer. Details are on the back.

Your mom and dad suddenly show up on your doorstep unannounced. What now?

a. Run!
b. Threaten to drop-out of school if they won’t respect your personal space
c. Have your roommate tell them you ran off to join a “work cooperative” in Humboldt
d. Give them a hug and show them around Santa Cruz and its many points of interest

There are all kinds of fun places your parents might like to see, such as Pacific Avenue, the Boardwalk, the Seymour Marine Discovery Center, Natural Bridges, and the Santa Cruz Surfing Museum. Again, refer to the last page for even more ideas.

Want to host a party where you won’t wind up dancing with the Santa Cruz Police? Then consider…

a. Making it a Tupperware party
b. Canvassing the neighborhood beforehand to pass out earplugs
c. Asking all your friends (and their friends) to bring their own soft drinks
d. Notifying your neighbors ahead of time and offering them your phone number

Other good tips include knowing the local alcohol and drug use laws, respecting quiet hours between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., moving the party inside if it goes long, and cleaning up your yard and neighborhood afterwards. A URL listing codes and ordinances is available, yep, on the back.

If you’d like to get involved in the community, your first step should be to…

a. Persuade organizers to move Burning Man to Santa Cruz
b. Circulate a petition to ban tie-dye in public, once and for all
c. Launch an app-based bicycle ride service modeled after Uber
d. Volunteer at one of our awesome local organizations

Santa Cruz has countless organizations—such as the Boys & Girls Clubs, Second Harvest Food Bank, and the Santa Cruz Animal Shelter—all of which can use your help. There’s a terrific website where you can find them at the end of this quiz.

You’re moving out, but your stuff isn’t all going with you. No problem, just…

a. Pile it in the street and invite neighbors to your “going-away bonfire”
b. Shove it all into a super-size time capsule, then rent a bulldozer to bury it
c. Invent a futuristic new device that transforms old junk into fuel for your car
d. Donate it to charity or check plug into the UC Santa Cruz Move Out program for smart sustainable ways to get rid of your junk.

There are a lot of ways you can rid yourself of unwanted items. Jump to the back page for a handy list of ideas.
Here are those helpful RESOURCES we promised

FOR RENTING A PLACE TO LIVE
UCSC Community Rentals
communityrentals.ucsc.edu • (831) 459-4435

FOR DEALING WITH LANDLORDS
Santa Cruz City Code Compliance
cityofsantacruz.com/services/code-compliance • (831) 420-5100
Good Neighbor Interns
gnintern@ucsc.edu • (831) 459-1768

FOR VISITING COOL SANTA CRUZ ATTRACTIONS
SantaCruz.org
santacruz.org/things-to-do

FOR HOSTING A HOT PARTY (AND TIPS FOR AVOIDING PARTY FINES)
The Santa Cruz Municipal Code
codepublishing.com/ca/santacruz

FOR GETTING INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY
The Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County
scvolunteernow.org
The UCSC Student Volunteer Center
volunteer.ucsc.edu

FOR GETTING RID OF YOUR STUFF
Hold a garage sale and make some extra cash.
Donate unwanted items to Goodwill or Hope Services.
Schedule a pickup for bulky items at cityofsantacruz.com/bulkyitem or (831) 420-5220.
Get familiar with the Move Out program at cityofsantacruz.com/UCSCmoveout.