


# NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR




**Q&A guide for renting and living in Santa Cruz.**

GETTING YOUR OWN PLACE

# OFF CAMPUS

CAN BE A LIBERATING EXPERIENCE 

But you've gotta make it on your own. And you can't tap out—this isn't Naked & Afraid, ya know. Fortunately, we've devised this brief quiz so you can test your knowledge and measure your off-campus survival skills. 

## 1 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

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

## 2 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

**TIP** *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.*

## 3 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

**TIP** *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.*

## 4 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

**TIP** *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.*

## 5 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

**TIP** *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.*

## 6 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.

**TIP** *There are a lot of ways you can rid yourself of unwanted items. Jump to the back page for a handy list of ideas.*



RESOURCES 



Here are those helpful

# RESOURCES

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## FOR RENTING A PLACE TO LIVE

**UCSC Community Rentals**

[communityrentals.ucsc.edu](http://communityrentals.ucsc.edu) • (831) 459-4435

## FOR DEALING WITH LANDLORDS

**Santa Cruz City Code Compliance**

[cityofsantacruz.com/services/code-compliance](http://cityofsantacruz.com/services/code-compliance) • (831) 420-5100

**Good Neighbor Interns**

[gnintern@ucsc.edu](mailto:gnintern@ucsc.edu) • (831) 459-1768

## FOR VISITING COOL SANTA CRUZ ATTRACTIONS

**SantaCruz.org**

[santacruz.org/things-to-do](http://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](http://codepublishing.com/ca/santacruz)

## FOR GETTING INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY

**The Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County**

[scvolunteernow.org](http://scvolunteernow.org)

**The UCSC Student Volunteer Center**

[volunteer.ucsc.edu](http://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](http://cityofsantacruz.com/bulkyitem) or (831) 420-5220.

Get familiar with the Move Out program at [cityofsantacruz.com/UCSCmoveout](http://cityofsantacruz.com/UCSCmoveout).



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