

Looking for Fall Housing Faculty / Staff

It is a good idea to start looking for housing **3-4 weeks in advance** of your ideal move-in date. Landlords generally do not know if their rental will be available until the tenant gives them 30-day notice. Consequently, properties available after September 1st will not be advertised until August. Many tenants move on the first of the month so you may need to begin paying rent on the first even if you do not require a place until mid-month. Look for the date of availability on the listings posted in the Community Rentals Office registry, accessible on our web site, communityrentals.ucsc.edu. Assume ads posted with other sources such as Craigslist or the Sentinel are available to be rented immediately or within the month, unless stated otherwise.

What can I do before August?

Prepare a rental packet: It is important to make a good impression with landlords, especially in a competitive housing market. Even as the market changes, there is always competition for the best rentals. Check out the [Rental Packet Checklist](#) and Sample Packet on our **Rental Forms and Resources** page, and start working on yours.

Educate yourself: Current rental listings, the Rental Cost Statistics, and other resources are available on our website to familiarize yourself with the rental market. This will give you a good idea of what you can actually get for your money, what a fair value is, and which rentals you can pass up. Assess your needs. Consider the location, price, and which features you value most so that you can act quickly when the right place comes along.