

# Navigating moving to I.V



Moving to Isla Vista can be a really overwhelming experience. This may be the first time you have ever lived on your own, maintained a living space, or paid rent. Things like dealing with landlords or roommates can be really tricky. Even with the challenge that this transition can be, there are many things that might assist in this process!

## Roommates and Communication

### Set a chore list

- Sharing a space means being equally responsible for taking care of it
- Having a unequal distribution of who cleans can be unfair, so be sure to communicate with your housemates about the condition of the apartment or house
- This can be a tough conversation to have, but communicating will help keep your space clean and maintain healthy relationships
- A chore chart where everyone divides up things like dishes, taking out the trash, sweeping, vaccuming, etc. can help divide up labor as well as keep things fair





## Effective communication

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- A way to combat this is by open and clear communication with them about any of your concerns, whether it be about cleaning, money, or even just attitude
- An open conversation will help you and your housemates understand each other and build better relationships

## Housing Guide

### When should I start searching for housing?

- Searching for housing can be very stressful, so make sure that you have a plan for what type you are aiming for - whether that is living in IV, student housing, or even Goleta
- November/December is when most people start searching, with many signing a lease in January/February

### Average costs/ Leasing companies

- Triple: \$800–\$1,100
- Double: \$1,000–\$1,400
- Single: \$1,500–\$2,000+
- Common leasing companies: Meridian Group, Kamap Property Management, Wolfe and Associates, Sierra



## UCSB Housing Resources



### Isla Vista Tenants Union (IVTU)

- They provide services to UCSB students who are tenants in I.V
- Have very helpful guides to being a first time renter, a database of available housing, as well as appointments with legal advisors
- <https://ivtu.as.ucsb.edu/>

### IVCSD Housing Mediation and Legal Advice

- Free mediators for conflict resolution between roommates or with landlords
- Trained legal advisors to support housing-related concerns
- Support for various housing matters, from maintenance to interpersonal issues
- <https://islavistacsd.ca.gov/free-rental-housing-mediation>

### UCSB Community Housing Services

- Experienced staff members can help answer questions and provide guidance regarding rental rights and responsibilities
- Offers mediation services, educational workshops
- <https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/current-residents/community-rental-listings/overview>

### Rapid Rehousing Program

- If you are at the immediate risk of being homeless, you may be eligible for:
- Housing navigators, emergency transitional housing and/or housing grants, case managers
- <https://basicneeds.ucsb.edu/resources/housing/emergency-transitional-housing>