Guidelines

Good Neighbor Initiative

The Good Neighbor Initiative was established in 2004 to foster positive relations between students and year-round residents in neighborhoods near the campus. Good Neighbor Interns work closely with the Community Relations Office at UC Santa Cruz and serve as liaisons between students, permanent community residents, community organizations, and municipal services like the Santa Cruz Police Department. Interns provide student interface with neighbors and are available to field any suggestions, comments, or policy ideas on how to advance the quality of life in local neighborhoods.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact:

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UC Santa Cruz Resources for Renters and Landlords:

Renters:

UCSC Community Rentals Office
Phone: (831) 459-4435
Web site: housing.ucsc.edu/cro

Access to local rental listings, and renter/landlord advising services. Take an Online Renters Workshop to help understand and navigate the off-campus housing experience.

Off-campus Housing Workshops

Hosted by the Good Neighbor Initiative, workshops are held during the spring quarter at various campus locations.

Landlords:

UCSC Community Rentals Office
Phone: (831) 459-4435
Web site: housing.ucsc.edu/cro

List your vacancies!

UC Santa Cruz Resources for Renters and Landlords:
Being a Good Neighbor

UC Santa Cruz encourages all residents to live in a socially responsible way in the community. A thriving and vibrant neighborhood community is essential to maintaining a positive quality of life. Here are some suggestions to achieve that goal:

- Meet your neighbors and exchange contact information.
- Observe the general activities in your neighborhood.
- Call the police if any activity seems suspicious to you.
- Observe the trash and recycling collection days.
- Maintain lawn and landscaping around your home.
- Show courtesy when you or your guests park in the neighborhood.
- Take part in or organize neighborhood activities.
- Observe quiet hours between 10 pm and 8 am (Santa Cruz Municipal Code, 9.36.10, Santa Cruz Zoning Ordinance 24.14.260).
- Notify neighbors when hosting a party and give them your phone number.
- Clean up immediately after any social function.

Community Resources for Neighbors

Santa Cruz City Codes and Ordinances
http://codepublishing.com/ca/santacruz/

- **Loud and Unruly Gathering Ordinance**: Santa Cruz Municipal Code 9.37
  Prohibits a gathering of two or more persons whose loud or unruly conduct constitutes a threat to public health, safety, quiet enjoyment of residential property, or general welfare.

  Requires the observance of quiet hours between 10 pm and 8 am and monitoring of offensive noise.

- **Party House Citations**: santacruzpolice.com (Community Resources, Loud & Unruly Addresses)
  Santa Cruz Police website lists houses that have been cited under the city’s loud and unruly ordinance. Houses that have been ticketed will remain on the public list for one year, and then removed if there have been no other party problems.

- **Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Services**: sccounty04.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/oes/oesmain2.htm
  Disaster Preparedness: earthquakes, flood, landslides, road closures and traffic conditions.

- **Santa Cruz Neighbors**: santacruzneighbors.org
  Nonprofit organization representing a network of neighborhoods that partners with educational institutions, local government, local businesses, and nonprofits dedicated to a community oriented government and provides a neighborhood voice for the residents of Santa Cruz.

Moving Out? Do it Responsibly!

Do you have stuff you don’t want to take home with you?

- Recycle it!
- Donate unwanted items to charity. Many charities will come and pick up larger items at your home. Suggested charities: Goodwill Industries, Salvation Army, Hope Services.
- Hold a garage sale a couple of weeks before moving day (make some extra dough!).
- Observe trash pickup schedule.
- Do not leave unwanted items behind on lawn or sidewalks.

Host Party Etiquette

- Notify neighbors when hosting a party and give them your phone number.
- Observe state and local laws governing alcohol and drug use.
- Observe quiet hours between 10 pm and 8 am. If your party extends beyond 10 pm, move guests and festivities inside and be aware of ambient noise.
- If your party gets out of hand due to uninvited guests, call the police for help.
- Clean up after your guests. Check front yard and neighborhood for trash as soon as possible.
- Use recycle and trash bins appropriately; observe collection days.