

Searching for Your Place



- ① Set a budget and know what you can afford (see budgeting basics on the website).
- ② Save up your required expenses, including deposits and fees, or tap into resources.
- ③ Create a criteria list. Outline your wants, needs, and deal breakers.
- ④ Start your search online or by driving around in the area you want to live in.
- ⑤ Visit the rentals, do a walk-through, and take notes.



Roommates & Rooms for Rent



- ① If you plan to move in with a roommate, you will apply together and both of your information will be considered.
- ② Having a roommate you trust can be a great way to share costs
- ③ Make sure expectations and requirements are clearly laid out from the beginning
- ④ Most apartment renting sites can filter for “rooms for rent”, but don’t pay anything until you see the place and have a signed agreement.

Looking At A Unit

Get information to determine if the unit fits your budget and your needs.

- Ask about the average cost of utilities
- Is there a laundry unit?
- Are pets allowed?
- Is there adequate space (living/storage)?
- Is it clean and well maintained?
- Do you see evidence of pests or maintenance problems?
- Is it in a neighborhood you want to live in?
- Is there adequate near by transportation?
- Are there grocery stores near by?
- Does the unit have parking/garage?
- What are the amenities?

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[Checklist For Apartment Viewing](#)



WEBSITES

Apartment Search

- [Rent Cafe](#)
- [Apartment List](#)
- [Apartment Guide](#)
- [Zillow](#)
- [Trulia](#)
- [Hotpads](#)
- [Rent](#)
- [Apartments](#)
- [Zumper](#)

Apartment complexes in the community you want to live in

*Always do your own research and verify a listing first

Income Based Housing

- [LA Housing Authority](#)
- [Pomona Housing Authority](#)
- [Walnut Housing Information](#)
- [Housing LA County](#)
- [Subsidized Housing](#)
- [TSA Housing](#)

You can also do a google search of “low income housing (city, state)” but make sure to vet the websites



Resources

[Before You Rent](#)
[Rental Application Form](#)
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You're In! Now What?

- Be a good tenant and pay your rent on time
- Late fees are listed in your rental agreement
- Sort out belongings before moving them
- You will need some standard items in your new place to live comfortably

[Needs for a New Apartment](#)