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Peak Rental Activity Returns

Southern California Rental Market – Peak Activity Returns

April is one of the busiest months of the year for the rental market. Tenant movement accelerates as warmer weather and spring activities bring more families and professionals to the area.

- Listing traffic continues to rise.
- Well-maintained properties are leasing faster.
- Tenants are comparing more options before making decisions.

Properties that feel “move-in ready” continue to outperform the market.



Pricing & Competition

With more inventory entering the market this spring, competitive pricing is key.

- Review comparable rents in your area.
- Consider minor upgrades to increase appeal.
- Be flexible with timing to reduce vacancy risk.

Maintenance Focus – HVAC & Summer Preparation

Before the heat of summer, April is the perfect time to:

- Service HVAC systems and replace filters.
- Inspect irrigation and landscarping.
- Check windows and screens.



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Taking care of your property now can prevent costly repairs during peak summer months.

Pro Tip:

Preventive maintenance helps you avoid emergency service calls and keeps tenants happy.

Legislative & Compliance Update

As leasing activity increases, it's important to stay compliant with California regulations:

- Fair housing compliance.
- Application timelines.
- Lease and renewal notices.

Proper documentation helps protect both owners and tenants.



Mortgage & Investment Outlook

Mortgage rates remain elevated, continuing to support rental demand across Southern California.

For owners, this means:

- Strong retention opportunities.
- More stability in qualified tenants.



Owner Tip of the Month

Spring Preparation Creates Summer Results

The decisions you make in April —from pricing to maintenance— can directly impact your property's performance this summer.

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