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Early Summer Surge in the Rental Market

Southern California Rental Market – Early Summer Surge

May traditionally marks the transition into peak leasing season across Southern California. Demand continues to increase as:

- Families plan moves before the next school year.
- College graduates relocate for new jobs.
- Summer leasing activity accelerates.

Well-priced, professionally managed properties continue to see strong interest and shorter vacancy periods.



Leasing & Renewal Strategy

May is an excellent month to:

- Finalize summer renewal plans.
- Review pricing against current market activity.
- Prepare upcoming vacancies early.

Owners who wait too long to prepare listings during summer often face heavier competition and slower leasing timelines.

Maintenance Focus – Summer Readiness

As temperatures rise, May maintenance priorities include:

- Air conditioning performance checks.
- Irrigation system efficiency.
- Landscaping and exterior cleanup.
- Pest prevention treatments.



Maintenance Focus – HVAC & Summer Preparation



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

Pro Tip:
Schedule HVAC service early to ensure efficient performance and avoid long wait times.

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
Summer Success Starts in May

The most successful summer leasing periods are the result of preparation done before June arrives, including maintenance, pricing strategy, and renewal planning.

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