

Vacation Safety Checklist

1. Do not advertise that you are away!

- Use caution when leaving any messages on your answering machine or voice mail. Do not post your plans, or photos of the trip, on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

2. Stop all deliveries

- Mail- Have the US Post Office Hold your mail.
- Newspaper- Cancel delivery or have a neighbor pick it up
- Have all necessary deliveries made to a neighbor.

3. Have someone cut the grass/shovel snow as needed.

4. Use timers on lights and possibly a radio

- Set timers to keep with your regular schedule.

5. Leave shades, blinds, curtains or drapes as usual

- If someone is checking your home, have them change a drape a little each day.

6. Secure all doors and windows

- If you must leave a window open for ventilation, make it a 2nd floor window.
- Make sure windows are pinned.
- Remove all access to windows, i.e. ladders.
- Arm the alarm system.

7. Make the house looked occupied

- Park a car in the driveway/ Have the neighbor move it time to time.
- Do not leave notes on the door.

8. Remove all valuables from your home

- If possible, store valuables at a secure location.

9. Close and lock the garage door and storage sheds

- Remove electronic garage door openers from the unused vehicles.

10. Make proper arrangement for the care and feeding of your pets

- Make sure responders have the alarm code and are familiar with the alarm system.

11. Have a family member, friend, neighbor have a key for emergencies.

Enjoy a safe and pleasant vacation!
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