

Preparing for "Vacation" Checklist

- Check with you insurance company to confirm their "vacant property" requirements.
- Notify you security/alarm company of you absence and an alternate contact.
- Leave a trip itinerary with family/friends and house sitter.
- Suspend newspaper/magazine delivery.
- Arrange for mail pick-up.
- Install motion detection lighting on the exterior of the home.
- Set up a timing system for household lighting.
- Photograph or video each room of the home and store off-site.
- Install dead-bolts on all entry doors to the home.
- Secure windows with locking pins or blocking devices in window tracks.
- Lock gates.
- Keep valuables in a secure location.
- Disconnect garage door opener and lock the overhead doors.
- Lower the temperature of you heating appliances.
- Remove perishables from refrigerator(s).
- Remove perishables from cupboards.
- Remove all garbage from the home.
- Unplug any unnecessary appliances (computers, lighting, heaters etc.)
- Turn off pilot lights for fireplaces.
- Turn water heater to vacation mode.
- Turn off water supply to toilets.
- Turn off water supply to exterior taps.
- Turn off water supply for the washing machine.
- Arrange for plant/small animal care.
- Arrange for snow removal and yard care.