

TRAVEL/LEISURE PROTECTING YOUR HOME WHEN TRAVELING CHECKLIST

- Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home
- Ask a neighbor to park a car in your driveway
- Lock all doors and windows and lock the garage door by turning off the opener
- Set the home security system/alarm

Tip: If you have a home alarm system, place the monitoring company's signs in the yard or on doors and windows

- Set up timers on a lamps to go on and off at different times during the night
- Play a radio
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery

Tip: Stop the paper the day before to make sure that the person delivering the paper has received your temporary stop directions

- Close blinds to rooms with electronics or other valuables so they won't be visible
- Arrange for a lawn service if you will be away for an extended period
- Give a key to your home to a trusted friend so they can check the interior while you're away

Tip: Don't hide a key on the exterior of your home

- Trim shrubbery so they're not easy to hide behind
- Make sure all outdoor lighting is working properly
- Consider installing a motion detector
- Don't leave a message on your answering machine saying you're not home
- Ask your police department to do a vacation watch
- Unplug appliances
- Shut the water off to the washing machine
- Pack your car in the garage with the door closed (don't advertise that you're going away)
