



Are you headed to warmer weather for a few months? Will your home be vacant?

Print this checklist to help prepare your home for the months you are away.

- ◇ Perform routine maintenance. This includes things like cleaning your gutters and having your chimney inspected.
- ◇ Remove all dead trees and hanging branches.
- ◇ When you decide whether you are keeping your heat on or shutting it off, that all steps are followed, such as turning off water and draining pipes, to prevent things like frozen pipes.
- ◇ Clean home thoroughly, including removing all food to discourage pests and rodents.
- ◇ Unplug all appliances, electronics, etc.
- ◇ Arrange for snow removal.
- ◇ Turn on all alarm systems and motion-activated lights. If you don't have either, consider investing in one or both.
- ◇ Be sure to secure valuables, like jewelry, that you are not taking with you. Use a safe deposit box, home safe or other secure location.
- ◇ Forward your mail and stop newspaper deliveries.
- ◇ Ask a family member or friend to check on your home, remove flyers or other items left in your driveway or on your door. Also arrange for them to have access to your home in case of an emergency.
- ◇ Check your insurance policies! Some homeowners policies will not provide proper coverage if a home is vacant for long stretches. We will make sure you are set! Call us today.



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