

Vacation Tips

- Stop all deliveries and arrange for a trusted neighbor or family member to pick up your mail, newspaper and packages.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence while you are away.
- Leave your vacation address and telephone number with a trusted neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Test your smoke and burglar alarms.
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake leaves and maintain the yard to give the home a lived in look.
- Arrange to have a neighbor place garbage cans at the curb on your normal pickup day(s) and return them after the garbage pickup is made.
- Plug in timers to turn lights and a radio or television on and off at appropriate times.
- Turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low.
- If you have call forwarding, have your calls forwarded to a trusted friend or relative.
- Leave shades and blinds in a normal position.
- Close and lock garage doors and windows.