

We get it, the beach is calling your name!! With summer on the horizon it has a lot of folks thinking about their summer weekend getaway or planning a vacation.

Being prepared means more than planning the top attractions & packing your bags! Before you travel, add these important reminders to your list of things to do as you prepare for your time away.



Turn off the main water supply

1 Water leaks happen & they can happen when you are away. Don't spoil your fun by stepping in the door when you come home to a massive flood. If you plan to travel for a few days or especially a week or more, it's best to be sure to turn off the main water supply.

Unplug electronics

2 Vacations can hit the bank hard! Save some dough while you relax during your time away by unplugging electronics before you walk out the door! TV, microwave, toaster, any devices you leave behind are all examples to get you started.

Adjust your thermostat

3 Set the thermostat a few degrees higher than normal, why waste energy to keep your home the perfect 70 degrees when no one will be home to enjoy it! If 70 degrees is the norm, go ahead & bump it to 75.

Stop mail service

4 The US postal service makes it easy to pause your mail, simply visit their website www.usps.com to place the mail on hold. Sure, you could also ask a friendly neighbor but either way, don't let the mail start filling up in the box- this can surely scream to potential burglars that you are out of town!!

Consider investing in a timer for those lights

5 In another effort to keep potential burglar's at bay, consider adding a timer to turn lights off & on. Just like the mail piling up, a house with the lights continually off can invite unwanted guests.

Clean up before vacation

6 It may seem like the last thing on your list, but be sure the trash is empty, food is stored away, wipe surfaces & take the time to vacuum to help keep critters away.

Check your insurance before you go

7 Last, but certainly not least, we recommend you confirm coverage on your auto, home or renters insurance policies. Are your belongings covered under your policy in case of theft or damage? If traveling out of the country it is important to call us and find out how far your coverage will travel or what additional coverage may be needed.