

# Home Security Vacation Checklist

## Police

- Contact your local police department and fill out a Security Watch Report to notify the police when you are leaving town, when you are due back, who is allowed on your property while you are away, and who to contact in case of an emergency.

## Home Security System

- 24, 7 monitoring service.
- Notify your security company and advise them when you go on vacation and give them a contact number that you can be reached at. Give them a trusted neighbor or nearby family member's contact in case of emergency.

## Mail and Newspaper

- Cancel your subscription, have a hold placed on your service, or have a neighbor or nearby family member pick up and hold it for you.

## Lights

- Leave a light on inside your home. For your outside lights have them setup to turn on at dusk and off at dawn. If possible, have your lights set on a random timer.

## Yard

- Mow your yard before leaving town. If you are going to be gone for more than two weeks have somebody mow your yard while you are gone.

## Vehicles

- Keep a vehicle parked in your driveway. Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway while you are gone if you take all your vehicles on vacation.

## Home

- Ensure all windows and doors are closed and locked. Leave blinds and curtains in their normal positions.
- Don't leave a message on your phone, voicemail, email or facebook, or other social networking sites, stating you're out of town. Let everyone know how great of a vacation you have had when you get back.
- Inform a trusted neighbor that you are going to be out of town in case anything happens to your house and the police need to be called.
- Write down the Serial Numbers for any valuables, especially electronics. This way, in case anything happens to them, you will have them all in one spot. Ensure that the numbers and detailed description of the items are kept somewhere safe.
- Keep valuables out of view from the windows. If they can't see anything worth stealing, burglars are less likely to target that house.