

HOMEOWNER VACATION TIPS

When going on vacation or out-of town for any reason:

- ✓ Don't publicize vacations ahead of time when in public.
- ✓ Notify the police of your plans. They will keep an eye on your house when they are in the neighborhood.
- ✓ Stop deliveries of mail and newspapers or as a friend to pick them up while you are gone.
- ✓ Arrange to have the lawn mowed.
- ✓ Leave information on where you can be contacted in an emergency with a trusted neighbor and ask him/her to keep an eye on the house.
- ✓ Give your house a lived-in appearance. A residence that presents a lived-in appearance is a deterrent to burglars.
- ✓ Have a neighbor occasionally use your garbage can.
- ✓ Put automatic timers on several lights and a radio. Set them so they will turn on and off at random times in different rooms – especially the bathroom.
- ✓ Don't leave lights on 24 hours a day.
- ✓ Leave drapes in a normal position to maintain the lived-in appearance.
- ✓ Have a neighbor park in your driveway or in front of your house.