



KEEP YOUR POLICYHOLDERS' HOMES SAFE WHILE THEY ARE AWAY

During the winter and spring time, many homeowners pack their bags for extended vacations, overnight trips, or even leave their home to visit their second home. In the excitement of getting away, homeowners often neglect to properly secure their house and belongings before they leave. Reviewing this "Leaving Home Checklist" with your clients could save your policyholders from a major disaster.



LEAVING HOME CHECKLIST FOR YOUR POLICYHOLDERS:

- 1 Turn Off Water Valves to Dishwasher, Sink, and Washing Machine:** To prevent the risk of water damage while out of town, locate water valves, and turn them off so that additional water cannot flow into pipes. Do not turn off water valve to refrigerator or chest freezers.
- 2 Unplug Electronics and Appliances:** Always unplug all computers, televisions, and any other accessory that will not be used. This will not only help reduce energy consumption, but also protect your precious items in case of an electrical storm and/or fire. Be sure not to unplug your fridge, automatic timers, sump pump, or any security systems.
- 3 Make it Look Like Someone Is at Home:** With social media updates, it is easier than ever for burglars to know if someone is gone from their home. Not only can burglars steal valuable items, they can also cause water damage by breaking a window allowing precipitation to come in. A few easy ways to make it look like someone is staying at your house while you are gone:
 - Have a neighbor park in your driveway.
 - Stop mail and newspapers from delivery.
 - Look into lawn maintenance: Have your sidewalk and/or driveway shoveled while you are gone.

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