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## **A Few Home Tips Before Going on a Summer Vacation**

You've worked hard all year long, and at long last, you get to reward yourself with a well-earned vacation. Before you head out, though, you should take a little bit of time to take care of some chores to make sure you come back to a happy home.

Yes, we know: It's vacation time, and the last thing you want to think of is chores. We promise the work will be worth it. Once it's done, you can focus completely on your downtime and enjoy your vacation.

### **Getting Your Roof Ready to Go**

Your roof may not be something you generally think about when getting ready to go on vacation, but if something happens while you are gone, it could be devastating. With all that your roof protects, it's worth it to take the time to prepare for your absence.

- Inspect the roof for broken or cracked shingles.
- Check skylights for cracking or signs of leaks.
- Make sure there are no openings in your fascia where critters can enter.
- Check outlying trees for loose branches and clear if necessary.
- Make sure your gutters and downspouts are clear of debris.

If your heading on vacation and need a roof inspection or have any concerns, contact us [online](#) or call us at (713) 799-8555.

## Request Service

### Turn Off Your Main Water Supply

- Leaks could happen while you're gone. You don't want to come home to that mess!
- You won't be using water anyway, so why spend the money?
- Don't forget to turn off your ice maker! The lack of water could cause damage.

### Adjust the Thermostat

- Set your thermostat to a moderate temperature. Usually 4 degrees above your usual, but not above 82.
- Do NOT turn off your thermostat. That could lead to condensation in your home which can damage sheetrock and promote mold growth.
- Do you have a smart thermostat? Then be sure to turn the temperature back to what you prefer on your way back in.

### Unplug ALL Electronics

- They are using electricity even when they're off, so you'd be wasting money.
- Unplugging things reduces the chance of a fire breaking out.
- Do you have smart plugs? You can just turn those off and keep things plugged in.

### Get a Timer for Your Lights

- A house with no lights on says, "We're gone for a while."

- Put a timer on different lights to turn on and off while gone. This will give an authentic appearance that you're still home.
- If you have a home with smart switches or bulbs, create a "vacation" theme to turn the lights on and off without the need for timers.

### **Check Your Security System**

- Check that any security cameras are operational.
- Make sure your security sensors are working right.
- Refresh yourself of any codes or passwords that you may need in case an alarm is triggered.

### **Have a Game Plan for Your Mail**

- Try to find someone who will pick up your mail while you're gone.
- If you can't find someone to handle your mail for you, sign up for [USPS Hold Mail Service](#) (it's free.)

### **Mow the Lawn**

- An overgrown lawn looks as though no one has been home in a while.
- Mow your lawn as close to your vacation day as you can.
- You'll reduce the chances of attracting unwanted critters (the snooping and crawling types.)

### **Clean Up Your House**

- Your vacation could be spoiled if you keep thinking of all the chores you'll need to handle when you get home.
- Be sure to throw out any food that's going to go bad while you're on vacation.
- Don't forget to take out ALL trash and wash and put away ALL dishes
- Put 1 cup of baking soda and ½ to 1 cup vinegar down drains and toilets before leaving. This will help keep your home smelling fresh while you're out.

### **Freeze a Meal**

- Nothing is worse than having to cook or go out to eat after you get back from vacation.
- Keep the meal simple: lasagna, soup, or something else that is a meal on its own.
- Now all you have to do is heat and eat!

### **Change Your Social Media Settings**

- Turn off your automatic location tracking.

- Resist the urge to post about your vacation while you're still on it.
- Don't let anyone tag you in pictures or posts.

### **Make Plans for Your Pets**

- Be sure your hotel will accept pets.
- If it won't, look into local shelters.
- See if a trusted friend or family member can watch them.



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