

Vacation-bound?

Don't forget to add residential burglary prevention to your pre-trip checklist.

To Do:

- Pack bags
- Water plants
- Set timers on lights
- Clear out refrigerator
- Ask neighbor to grab newspaper & mail

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Residential Burglary Prevention

As the weather starts to turn warmer and Spring Break approaches, the Naperville Police Department would like to remind you to protect your home before heading out of town. Making home protection part of your pre-vacation check list could save a lot of grief when you return from your travels.

Here are a few tips to do just that:

- Set interior lights on timers and exterior lights on timers or motion sensors.
- Secure all valuables; do not leave them out so people can easily take them.
- Check that all windows, garage doors, and entry/exit doors are locked, including the door from the garage to the home.
- Place a stop on your mail and newspaper delivery or have someone pick them up every day.
- Don't leave spare keys outdoors. Leave one with a trusted family member, friend or neighbor.
- Have someone maintain the outside of your home: cut your grass during the summer and clear snow from driveways and sidewalks in the winter.
- Be wary about posting your vacation plans and updates on social media. You may trust your friends, but you never know who might learn that you're not home. Post pictures of your adventures after you return home.
- Discuss home security with your children. They should know to never give their friends a key to your house or your home's garage code!

Remember: It will take you far less effort to secure your home than it will to replace all the property that could be stolen. Make home protection a priority to give you peace of mind as you leave town.

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