

Summer Vacation Checklist

- Park and/or store any extra cars in a garage, if possible, to avoid the risk of damage, vandalism, or theft while you're away
- Put away any patio furniture or outdoor fixtures that could be stolen or that could blow away in high winds
- Install smoke detectors with the ability to report any incidents directly to your home monitoring company or your local fire house
- Install and activate burglar alarms to deter crime and report to a police station if there is a break in
- Close and lock all windows and doors
- Set your air conditioning to a medium temperature—too cool can result in mold or mildew, but too hot can cause furniture damage and a musty smell
- Enlist a neighbor, relative, or friend to check on your house a few times throughout your absence
- Turn off your water to avoid any leaking or flooding
- Set timed lights in the house to portray that someone is home
- Unplug any unnecessary appliances to decrease risk of fires and save energy
- Activate energy-saving modes on any appropriate appliances
- Have your car serviced before a long road trip and make sure you have a spare tire with you