



# VACATION SECURITY CHECKLIST



A house that is properly secured, looks "lived in" and is watched by neighbors is a far less likely target for thieves. Follow this checklist to secure your home before your big trip!

## Access

- ☐ Lock all windows (including the bathroom)
- ☐ Secure sliding glass door with extra security locks or by blocking the track
- ☐ Secure the door between the garage and the house
- ☐ Bolt the garage door from the inside
- ☐ Secure the side garage door (including pet access)
- ☐ Lock all side gates with a hardened padlock
- ☐ Lock and disable vehicles that are left behind
- ☐ Secure the front door with a deadbolt

## Appearance

- ☐ Set interior lights and a radio on a timer
- ☐ Move bicycles and valuable yard items inside
- ☐ Park vehicles in the garage or against the garage door from the outside
- ☐ Place valuables in a safe deposit box

## Appliances

- ☐ Unplug major appliances
- ☐ Turn off gas and water [for extended vacations]

## Ask a Trusted Neighbor

- ☐ Hold on to a key to the house (and to your alarm system)
- ☐ Water, mow and rake your lawn
- ☐ Collect mail and newspapers (or schedule to hold these items while you are away)
- ☐ Check on the residence, moving the position of blinds and shades
- ☐ Place your trash bins at the curb on pick-up day, then put them back after pick-up day

## Did you know?

You can request for a Dublin police officer to regularly check your house while you are on vacation. Come by Dublin Police Services to fill out a "Vacation House Check" form.

**Dublin Police Services**  
100 Civic Plaza  
8 AM - 5 PM, M-F



A house that looks abandoned is an open invitation to a burglar!

