

Snow Bird Checklist Before You Leave



Thanks to Pam Sherock for sharing this important information with us.

- ✓ Make sure all smoke alarms are working and have fresh batteries.



- ✓ Place timer on indoor lamps.



- ✓ Forward Mail



- ✓ Place a temporary stop on newspaper delivery.



- ✓ Place phone, cable and internet service on vacation status.



- ✓ Return library books, rented videos/DVDs.



- ✓ Remove all furniture from lanai.



- ✓ Wedge dowels in window tracks and sliding doors to prevent burglars from prying them open.



- ✓ Open all interior doors, including closet doors to promote airflow.



- ✓ Set air conditioner at 80 degrees to prevent mold growth and humidistat should be at 40% - 60% relative humidity.



- ✓ Discard all perishable items.



- ✓ Fill jugs with tap water and place in refrigerator. A full refrigerator will use less energy than an empty one.



- ✓ Pack all your prescription drugs including "refrigerated drugs" to take with you.



- ✓ Run hot water through your garbage disposal. Let it dry out. Pour 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil into disposal. Do not run any water, but turn disposal on for a few seconds to prevent impellers from getting stuck.



- ✓ Unplug electrical appliances and computers (except refrigerator) susceptible to lightning and power outages.



- ✓ Turn off main water valve. Turn off ice maker so the unit will not try to make ice and burn out when the water is turned off. Unplug or turn off circuit breaker to hot water heater to conserve energy and protect it from burning out when water is off.



- ✓ Add 1 cup of bleach to toilet bowls and cover with plastic wrap (keeps the bowl clean and prevents evaporation).



- ✓ Ask a friend or neighbor to check on your property every week while you are away. Request that they remove their shoes while inspecting carpeted areas; if the carpets are wet, it will be easily detected.



- ✓ Activate home security system

