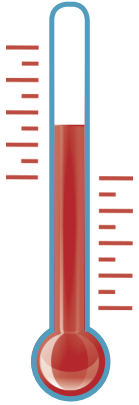


10 TIPS TO REMEMBER

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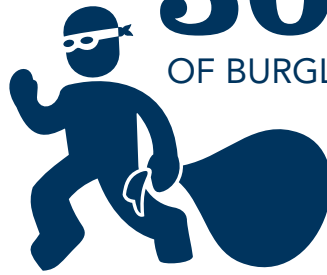
Leaving for Winter Vacation

Planning a winter getaway? Make your return home as stress free as your vacation with this preparation "to do" list.



60°F

will conserve energy and reduce the stress on your furnace when heating the house on your return



30%

OF BURGLARIES

are through unlocked windows or doors. Windows are left unlocked more often than doors.

Winter to do:



Arrange for someone to plow or shovel so your home appears occupied.



Turn the thermostat down to 60°F and leave interior doors open to circulate air.



Put lights on auto-timers and consider outdoor motion detectors.



Don't forget to:



Lock your doors —and windows too.



Suspend newspaper and mail delivery.



Purge the refrigerator of perishables, run the disposal and take the trash out.



Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your place and leave a key with someone.



It's a good time to:



Run a computer back-up and then turn your computer off.



Address maintenance issues so they don't snowball while you're gone.



Conduct a home inventory and make sure your insurance policies are up-to-date.



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