

Closing Up Your Home For The Summer?

Suggestions for when you are leaving your home for an extended period of time:

- ✓ Close all blinds (if you are going to leave timers on your lights, leave an opening in the blinds so it looks as if someone is home). Surprise Police always recumbent that you try to make your home look “occupied.”
- ✓ Empty the refrigerator of anything that would spoil. A full refrigerator actually uses less energy, so load it up with anything that won’t spoil.
- ✓ Turn off the ice maker in the refrigerator.
- ✓ Close all sink drains in the kitchen and all bathrooms.
- ✓ Place buckets of water (on towels) around the home. Your wood will appreciate a little moisture during our hot summers.
- ✓ Set thermostat at 50-55 (winter months) 85-92 (summer months).
- ✓ Turn hot water heater to pilot.
- ✓ Close water supply valve under toilets.
- ✓ Saran Wrap on toilet bowls to help keep water from evaporating.
- ✓ Close washing machines hoses.
- ✓ Unplug/or lock the garage door.
- ✓ Shut off main water valve in front or side of home.
- ✓ Place any outdoor furniture or grills in the garage for safekeeping - do not stack them against the home.
- ✓ Check irrigation and water clock.
- ✓ Check furnace filters to make sure they are clean before leaving

- ✓ Disconnect car battery.
- ✓ Optional: Put about 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil in the dishwasher (do not latch).
- ✓ Optional: Put about 1/2 cup of vegetable oil down the garbage disposal.
- ✓ Surprise Police also recommend that you lock up everything and then leave by the front door to make sure it is locked.
Phone Nbr:
623-222-4000 Non-emergency
602-886-1011 Emergency ONLY

Many owners hire a house sitter to come in and flush the toilets and run water every couple of weeks so that everything stays running smoothly. If you do not hire a house sitter, you may register your home with the C.H.A.P.S. Vacation Watch program.

Update your contact information at the Membership Office in case of an emergency: 623-546-7444.

VACATION WATCH HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST: <https://livegrandaz.com/documents/10184/47860/VacationWatchHomeownerChec.pdf> (Currently, this link is broken. We have requested to have to taken care of.)