

# 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!