



Plan For A Worry-Free Vacation!

It's Travel Time! Do This First For A Worry-Free Vacation!

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Are you planning a get-away? It's about time, huh? There is an old saying: "Lay out your clothes, then lay out your cash—take half the clothes and double the cash." So true.

You may be loading up your RV or packing for a tropical vacation. No matter your plans, Neighborhood Watch provides a helpful list, "Security Tips For A Worry-Free Vacation." See NW website sclhwatch.org under "Security/Safety Flyers/Vacation Checklist & Home Check Request." Here are a few from the checklist:

1. Let your neighbor(s) know you will be away. They can pick

up packages from your front door, pick up your mail (if not stopped), agree to put out/away garbage cans, and pick up those pesky flyers on your driveway. Give your itinerary, a house key, and your emergency contact information to a trusted person. Neighbor helping neighbor, your vacation or theirs, helps to secure a worry-free vacation.

2. Make sure your home looks and sounds occupied. Put lights, radio, and/or TV on timers. "Smart Plugs" can help and be controlled remotely. Secure all windows and doors and consider a home alarm system and/or security cameras. Make sure your

lawn maintenance continues.

3. Do not broadcast your vacation publicly or through email groups. Tell your family not to mention your vacation on Facebook or other social media.

4. Consider requesting a "Vacation Home Check" from the Lincoln Police Department volunteer program. Call 916-645-4081 or visit sclhwatch.org under "Security/Safety Flyers."

5. Turn off the water main to your home, but leave the landscape water main on. Turn your water heater setting to "vacation."

These are just a few items to consider—for a worry-free vacation!