

## SECURITY TIPS FOR A WORRY-FREE VACATION

As a free service to our residents, Lincoln Police Department Volunteers will check your home at least once while you are away, Monday through Friday, as staffing permits. If you would like to take advantage of this program, please call the Lincoln Police Department Volunteer line at (916) 645-4081. You may also pick up a Vacation Check form at the Lincoln Police Dept located at 770 7th Street, Lincoln, download the form from NW website, or submit it online at <https://lincoln.crimegraphics.com/2013/DEFAULT.ASPX> .

### BEFORE YOU GO

- Notify a neighbor, or a friend** of your vacation plans. Give a copy of your itinerary, a house key and your emergency contact information to a trusted person.
- Consider installing security cameras and/or a key lockbox and register them with [Lincoln PD](#).
- Stop or have a neighbor **collect mail, newspapers, flyers and to check front door for deliveries**. Ask your neighbor **to put out and return trash cans**, on schedule.
- Make sure your **home looks and sounds occupied**. Put lights and a radio or TV on timers. Leave curtains, blinds and shutters slightly open.
- Do not broadcast** your vacation. **Don't mention your vacation plans on Facebook or other social media**. Ask family/friends not to share either.
- Make arrangements to have your **lawn mowed**.
- Secure all windows and sliding doors** by placing a PVC pipe in the door track.
- Adjust your answering machine** so you can retrieve messages.
- Set water heater thermostat** to "Vacation."
- Leave **toilet lids and washing machine lids open** to discourage mold.
- Remove valuables** from the master bedroom, bathroom, and closet and put them in a "hidden place."
- To avoid flooding if a water line breaks, **consider turning off "interior water"** at the whole-house shut off valve located in your garage. *Note, this may shut off outside water faucets and may affect ponds and watering by hand. Your irrigation system should still work.*
- Travel with a **list of your credit card numbers** and their 800 numbers as well as a copy of your passport, in case of loss.
- Do a final check**: lights off, timers on, doors locked, all windows closed and locked. Turn off your computers

### WHEN YOU RETURN

As you drive in, be mindful of anything unusual. If you suspect a break in, DO NOT ENTER and Call Lincoln Police Department 911



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