



Cochrane Homecheck's “Before-You-Leave-Home Checklist”

Before you leave home, there are things that should be done. To make it easier for you, here's a list of some things you might want to check out:

- Stop any routine deliveries (newspapers, milk, etc.)
- Put lights, radio and TV on timers to give lived-in look and check to make sure the timers are working
- Turn down thermostat
- Turn down water heater
- Lock all doors and windows
- Store valuables in a safe place
- Disable garage door opener
- Notify your security company or local police
- Unplug any appliances not needed while away or sensitive to power surges
- Empty the dryer
- Empty the dishwasher
- Remove any perishables from fridge
- Take out the garbage
- Arrange for pet care
- Turn off answering machine (or arrange for someone to take the messages – do not leave message on machine that you are away)
- Pay any bills that will be due while you are away – or arrange to have them paid
- Arrange for pool maintenance
- Arrange for house cleaning after you leave or before you return, if needed
- Give set of keys to home manager or a friend
- Arrange for mail to be collected and forwarded - or held at post office
- Arrange to have house regularly checked while you are away
- Arrange for plants to be watered and fertilized
- Arrange for snow clearance in winter
- Leave a list of service people in case of emergencies
- Check water systems (faucets, toilets, hot water tank, sprinklers, etc)
- Check appliances (fridge, freezer, furnace, air conditioner)
- Arrange to have fliers and junk mail removed regularly
- Arrange to have your lawn mowed
- Arrange for watering of lawn and garden
- Arrange for gardening and yard work to be done

- Call Cochrane Homecheck - Items shown in red above are things that Cochrane Homecheck could take care of for you. Just give us a call at:**

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