

Pre-Vacation Travel Checklist

Three Weeks Before Leaving:

- ☐ Arrange with a friend or neighbor to check on your home.
- ☐ Ask them to put your trash and recycle bins out on collection day and return them afterwards.
- ☐ Arrange for someone to pick up pamphlets and packages left at your home.
- ☐ Schedule lawn care and landscaping.
- ☐ Make arrangements for pet-sitting or boarding.
- ☐ Check airline or border requirements if your pet will be traveling with you. (Use https://www.pettravel.com/airline_rule_s.cfm to research specific airlines.)
- ☐ Schedule any vaccinations your pets will need before they are boarded or transported.
- ☐ If you will be renting a car, make sure your insurance covers you sufficiently in a rental car. (Check Insure My Rental Car for up to 70% savings on Loss Damage Waiver insurance.) <https://www.insuremyrentalcar.com>.)

Two Weeks Before Leaving:

- ☐ Check water lines for brittle hoses and loose or rusting fittings.
- ☐ Replace any plastic water lines with stainless steel or nylon-braided hose.
- ☐ Check electrical lines for frayed cords and overloaded outlets.

- ☐ Clear debris from roof and gutters.
- ☐ Make sure downspouts are unobstructed and do not dump water near the foundation.
- ☐ Check timing system for interior lights.

One Week Before Leaving:

- ☐ Pick up refills of prescription medication.
- ☐ Stop mail delivery.
- ☐ Stop newspaper delivery.
- ☐ Pay upcoming bills.
- ☐ Make a list of numbers to call if you lose credit or debit cards, and place it somewhere other than your wallet.
- ☐ Write a list of emergency numbers to leave with the person checking on your home.

On the Day of Departure:

- ☐ Turn off the main water supply, or:
- ☐ Turn water off at the washer, sinks, and toilets.
- ☐ Turn gas water heater setting to 'Vacation' setting, if your heater has one.
- ☐ Unplug appliances such as the washer, televisions, stereo, toaster, and coffee maker.
- ☐ Set window coverings so that they allow some light into the home, but obstruct views of valuable objects.

Day of Departure continued: _____ Other: _____

- ☐ Discard any perishables still in the refrigerator.
- ☐ Throw out all trash.
- ☐ Run the garbage disposal.
- ☐ Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked.
- ☐ Set timers for some interior lights so that they turn on from dusk until normal bedtime.

Easy-to-forget items:

- ☐ Chargers for cell phones and iPods.
- ☐ Thumb drives and portable hard drives.
- ☐ Prescription medication.
- ☐ Passport.
- ☐ Driver's license.
- ☐ Health insurance card.
- ☐ Vehicle registration.
- ☐ Contact lens refills and solution.
- ☐ Ear plugs.
- ☐ Travel pillow.
- ☐ Batteries.
- ☐ Camera.
- ☐ Bathing suit.
- ☐ Running shoes.
- ☐ Sunscreen.
- ☐ Insect repellent.
- ☐ Scissors.
- ☐ Laundry bag.
- ☐ Wet weather gear.
- ☐ Flashlight.
- ☐ Jumper cables.
- ☐ First aid kit.
- ☐ If you have a locked mailbox and are not stopping your mail, remember to leave the mailbox key with the person who is checking your mail.

Other:

[illegible]