

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_rules.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.

