

# SEASONAL HOME CHECKLIST

*A LOT CAN HAPPEN TO YOUR VACATION HOME WHILE YOU'RE AWAY. USE THIS CHECKLIST TO SECURE YOUR ASSETS FROM UNEXPECTED DAMAGES. THAT WAY, IT WILL BE AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL!*

*EVERY HOME IS DIFFERENCE. USE THIS CHECKLIST AS A GUIDE AND ALWAYS ADD ANY TASKS THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO YOUR HOME.*

## INTERIOR PREP:

- EMPTY YOUR REFRIGERATOR, UNPLUG AND PROP THE DOOR OPEN.
- REMOVE FOOD FROM PANTRY, OR ENSURE THAT IT'S IN MICE/BUG-PROOF CONTAINERS
- REMOVE VALUABLES.
- UNPLUG PHANTOM POWER LOADS SUCH AS TVS, KITCHEN APPLIANCES, AND POWER STRIPS. EVEN THOUGH NOT IN USE, PHANTOM LOADS WILL USE ELECTRICITY, WHICH CAN ADD UP OVER TIME.
- TURN OFF MAIN WATER LINE AND DRAIN PIPES AFTER THE MAIN VALVE IS DISCONNECTED.
- TURN OFF THE WATER HEATER - UNPLUG IF IT'S ELECTRIC; SET TO VACATION MODE, IF NECESSARY.
- SET THE THERMOSTAT TO AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO WHAT THE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURES WILL BE.
- SET ANY LIGHT TIMERS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN THE APPEARANCE THAT SOMEONE IS AT THE LOCATION TO POSSIBLY DETER THIEVES.
- SEE IF A NEIGHBOR, OR FRIEND CAN DROP BY OCCASIONALLY AND CHECK ON THINGS AROUND THE PROPERTY.

## EXTERIOR PREP:

- STORE ANY ITEMS AWAY SUCH AS OUTDOOR FURNITURE, FLAGS, CUSHIONS, DECORATIONS, ETC.
- COVER OUTDOOR GRILLS AND DISCONNECT PROPANE TANKS.
- DRAIN AND STORE WATER HOSES.
- ENSURE WINDOWS AND OUTDOOR BUILDINGS ARE SECURE AND LOCKED.

## PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE:

TECHNOLOGY MAKES IT EVEN EASIER TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNOCCUPIED FOR MONTHS AT A TIME.

- SET A TEMPERATURE ALARM TO AUTOMATICALLY CALL YOUR PHONE WHEN THE TEMPERATURE CHANGES, SIGNALING YOUR HEAT OR AC WENT OUT. THIS ALARM CAN BE A BUILT-IN FEATURE ON YOUR THERMOSTAT OR PLUGGED IN TO A LANDLINE TELEPHONE.
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF REMOTE CAMERAS THAT CAN AUTOMATICALLY NOTIFY YOU OF MOVEMENT OR ALLOW YOU TO CHECK ON THE PROPERTY AFTER A BIG STORM.