

## **Vacation Home Security**

So you're going on vacation and want your house and contents to be safe and secure while you're gone? Well here are some tips that will reduce your odds of becoming a victim:

Cancel all regular deliveries

- Papers
- Coupons
- Get a neighbor to take in any free papers & mail.

Before leaving, see that:

- All outside doors, garages, & tool sheds are locked.
- Turn off gas & water supplies when on extended trips (contact a qualified plumber or utility service provider).
- Arrange for your pets to be looked after.
- Have someone cut the lawn in your absence.
- Let a reliable neighbor have a key to remove mail and papers from view and to keep an eye on the property for you when you are away.
- Deposit all valuables such as jewelry in a safety deposit box or with trusted friends.
- Do not lock any internal doors. In the event of a break-in it will mean more damage.
- Try to make the house look occupied. Use a time switch for lighting a main room or hallway.
- If your TV or stereo has a timer, use it.