

Before Vacation

- Arrange for a pet sitter (or boarding)
>> Don't forget to give them the key!
- Ask someone to pick up mail, newspaper & packages
- Print itinerary
- Make copies of passports to put in checked baggage
- Call bank and credit card companies to advise of travel plans
- Pay bills that are due while you're gone



- Extras*
- Do laundry and change sheets
 - Clean the house for a fresh welcome back!
 - Prepare dinner for the freezer for your returning home meal

- Set up Collierville Police Department's Vacation House Check Service
- Set up e-mail vacation messages & notify contacts as needed.
- Mow lawn



Departure date

- Clean out fridge to prevent spoilage
- Open washing machine lid to prevent mildew
- Water plants/flowers & lawn (or set automatic timer)
- Fill up food and water bowls for pets & double check w/pet sitter or boarding.
- Wash dishes - then keep dishwasher door open for air circulation when cycle complete
- Turn off water shut off main inside the home to prevent damage if pipe(s) leak
- Set thermostat to desired "away" setting
- Set light timers and security cameras



- Run the garbage disposal
- Empty trash cans
- Lower shades
- Turn off computers
- Lock windows and doors
- Unplug small appliances in kitchen, the iron, hair dryer/hair styling tools



Enjoy your trip!

