



**“Before You Go” Checklist**

*Use this checklist to help begin preparations for your departure. Performing these tasks can help to avoid some common problems in vacant homes. After you leave, we'll check to make sure your home is safe and secure, take care of additional tasks, or anything else that was missed. The tasks to be completed include but are not limited to:*

	Remove important papers and valuables from home.
	Close and lock all windows.
	Lock all doors, place locking pins or wooden / PVC batons in sliding doors.
	Remove perishables from the refrigerator.
	Turn off and empty the ice maker.
	Open the clothes washer lid and dryer to prevent mold & mildew.
	Open the dishwasher (prop open) to prevent mold & mildew.
	Replace batteries in A/C thermostat (if applicable).
	Replace batteries in smoke detectors.
	Replace exterior light bulbs.

	Forward mail to where you will be staying.
	Stop any recurring deliveries.
	Tell a trusted neighbor / friend you will be leaving and Summertime Home Solutions will be checking your home.
	Bring in any outdoor grill, outdoor furniture, hoses, door mats, etc.
	Open all closet doors to encourage airflow throughout your home.
	Disconnect automatic garage door opener and secure manually from interior.
	Manually lock vehicles (key fobs will slowly drain the battery), place vehicles in the garage if applicable.
	Leave vehicles with ½ tank of gas.

***Some of these tasks may not apply to your residence. Feel free to print out and pencil in any additional task reminders you may need.***