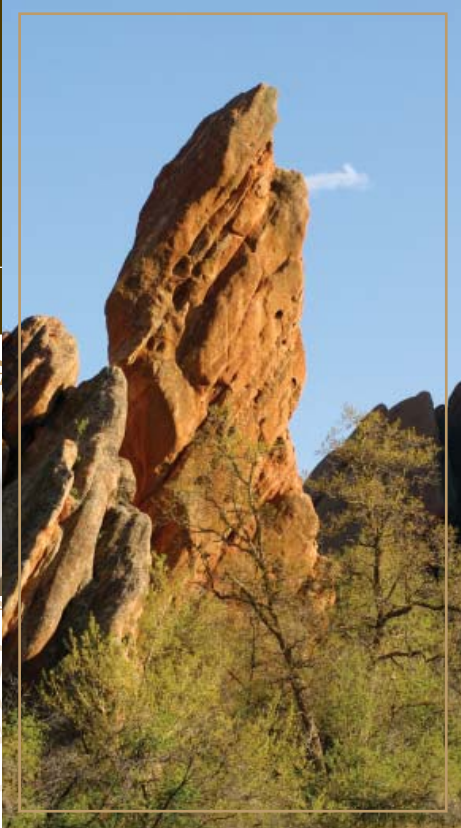


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Home Safety -

Five Important Factors To Keep Your Home Safe When You Are Away

As fall begins with winter not that far away, you may be beginning to plan your holiday trips to celebrate with family members and/or maybe you are even already in the process of booking your get-away winter vacation. If you are planning on going away for any length of time, there are 5 main safety categories to address so you can have peace of mind that your home will be fine when you return (that is unless you live in an active adult community where they will take care of most of these). To have that carefree time away from home, make sure you are:

1. SECURING your home:

- a. This means locking every door (including the one to the attached garage) and making sure all windows are tightly closed and locked.
- b. If you have patio doors, especially if they are in the back of your house and out of the neighbors view, place a heavy dowel or stick in the track to firmly secure the door as the latch on the door's handle can be easily jimmied open.
- c. Unplug the garage door opener so a universal remote used by thieves, can't open it and have access to your home.
- d. Place jewelry, lap tops and other valuable items in a safe/safety deposit box or at the very least, out of sight (this is also a good time to update your insurance records with a list and photos of your valuables).
- e. Make sure your file cabinet with financial identification information is also locked. Never leave correspondence from financial institutions or other sensitive material on your counter or table. Protect your identity!
- f. Give keys to trusted neighbors or friends and definitely take hidden keys out of hiding – burglars know all the hiding places (do you really think no one would look under the fake rock or under the door mat...).

2. "SHUTTING OFF/UNPLUGGING": A good rule of thumb is to shut off the main water valve to your home to prevent major water damage if a pipe or appliance hose breaks. It is also a best practice to unplug all unnecessary appliances (toaster, coffee maker, TV's, computers etc) as this not only saves on electricity but also better protects your home from an electrical fire or power surge.

3. HAVING ACTIVITY in and around the home is very important so your home doesn't look like no one is there. You can do this by:

- a. Putting lights on timers that are varied. Installing motion sensor lights both inside and outside of your home are also great ideas!
- b. Having neighbors park their car in your driveway whenever they can (or move your car in/out of the garage sporadically).
- c. Asking/hiring neighbors or friends to do frequent walk-throughs of your home to check for heat/AC on/critters which may have somehow gotten in

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At GrandView, we look forward to offering you gourmet meals along with tantalizing treats. But until you become an owner at GrandView, you'll have to make this yourself. Below is a simple, but delicious recipe which we think will delight you. Bon Appétit!



Creamy Crock-Pot Potato Soup

- 30 oz bag of frozen, shredded hash browns
- 32 oz box of chicken broth
- 26 oz can of cream of chicken soup
- ½ c onion chopped
- ¼ tsp ground pepper
- 3 oz of bacon bits (optional)
- 1 8 oz pkg cream cheese

In a crock-pot, combine everything except the cream cheese and bacon bits. Cook on low for 6 hours, then add the cream cheese for an additional ½ hr. I like to blend this one final time with my emersion blender to make it super creamy. Top with the bacon bits and serve with warm bread.

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- (I have had a bird fly into and break a window, while a friend had a malfunction in his AC and came home to everything covered in mold! We both learned that having someone regularly checking is absolutely necessary).
- d. Having your lawn mowed or driveway plowed (and have your neighbors/friends water your outdoor plants so they stay alive).
- e. Having upkeep/remodeling type work done if you know/trust the workers and make arrangements for someone you also trust to approve the work. If you do arrange for this, make sure your neighbors are aware of who is coming/when and what they are doing. Thieves have been known to disguise themselves as workers while they empty a home of the valuables.

Keeping your curtains open/closed as you would normally keep them. You want to have your house look like it always does, just have valuables out of sight from windows/doors.

4. COMMUNICATING – SHHHHHHH

- a. Don't announce on Face Book that " in 3 days you are taking that trip of a lifetime" or "going across country to watch your grandson get his PhD." and obviously don't post pictures until after you are home. If you really need to share stories/pictures of your trip with friends and family members, do it via email or phone call, NOT social media!
- b. Be careful what you record on your answering machine. The best phrase is something like "sorry I can't take your call now but if you leave your name/number, I'll call you back".
- c. Have your mail/newspaper delivered to your home BUT having the neighbor pick it up daily is considered best practice. You can stop the deliveries but then postal workers/others know you are gone.
- d. If you are taking a taxi or shuttle to the airport, don't engage in conversation with the driver or other passengers about where you are going or for how long, and also be mindful what you say if you are on the phone while in the taxi.
- e. If you drive to the airport and leave your car, do not have your home address on a portable GPS (rename home or leave the GPS at home). Don't leave any old mail which would have your home address on it in your car. Obviously, the best practice is to have a friend take you to the airport.
- f. Don't list your name and address on your luggage tags - just list your name and phone # as unfortunately, dishonest workers could easily determine where you live.

5. CLEANING! Make sure that you toss all items in the refrigerator which could spoil while you are gone and also be sure to empty all garbage cans. Ask a neighbor to take trash can to curb. You don't want to come back to a house smelling of rotten food or foul smells from cans, bottles and other garbage.

Are there other preparations that you do prior to going away? If so, we'd love to know about them so we could share them with our readers. Click here to email your tips: Avis@GrandViewLife.com.

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