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Tips into safeguarding your property.

Have the delivery of any mail, newspapers, packages, etc. held until your return home.

Have someone check on pets to insure they are being taken care of if not boarded.

Have inside and outside lights set on timers to turn on and off at different times. This will give an impression that someone is home.

Leave a radio on a talk show station to give the impression someone is home.

If you have an alarm system, make sure it is working properly and there is a contact person with a house key in the event your alarm activates and fire, medic and/or police are called. If pets are inside make adjustments so they will not activate the alarm system.

Keep all window drapes, blinds, etc. closed or remove any valuables away from these areas that may be seen when looking from the outside in.

Keep shrubs trimmed below window ledges as well as keeping low tree limbs trimmed. This will give a better view from the roadway as to not obstruct the view of a possible intruder.

Have someone keep the lawn mowed and kept as though you were at home.

If you leave any valuables at home such as jewelry, cameras, laptops, firearms, etc. please lock them in a safe place such as a safe, bottom of closet, and basement. Record all serial numbers of these items and keep this in an accessible place to give officers in the event you become a victim of a break-in and larceny.

If you leave a vehicle at home and it usually is parked outside of the garage, don't change the pattern. Assure valuables are not left in the vehicle or in view of a possible intruder. Keep windows and doors locked.

Unplug appliances and think about shutting off the main line water source to your property. This may save you a mess when returning home.

Hire a "House Sitter" to stay in your home while you are away.