

It is that time of year when “seasonal residents” start to head north to cooler climates. Please review the following suggestions that should be done to secure your home and reduce the possibility of “issues” in your absence.

1. Turn off your main water supply to your unit outside your garage door. Turn off all faucets to sinks, tubs, and washer machines as a failsafe.
2. Close all drains in sinks and tubs and tape over drainage holes in sinks.
3. Put plastic over toilets and close lids
4. All water heaters should be serviced and put on low or turned off. Pressure relief valves and all gas and water lines should be checked to make sure they are clear to permit drainage.
5. All air-conditioning units should be serviced to include checking to see that all drain lines are clear.
6. Put thermostat at 78-80 degrees with your fan set to "Auto" to prevent mold. **DO NOT** turn your AC off.
7. If you have a humidistat, set it to 55% RH. Many people use a setting of 60% but new research indicates that this setting is not low enough. Not all humidistat/thermostat combinations are wired the same, so check with your air conditioning service provider for any other required settings.
8. Open room and closet doors so that you get the best possible air circulation possible.
9. Counteract the potential mold growth inside unused refrigerators, dishwashers and washing machines by leaving the doors open so they can dry out.
10. Unplug anything that does not need to be plugged in to protect against lightning strikes.
11. If vehicles are left in the garage disconnect the negative ground
12. Lock all windows and doors.
13. Provide Property Management up to date contact information and a current copy of your key for access in case of emergency.

Safe Travels!