



CERT Monthly Safety Tip

Snowbirds – Some Tips Before You Go

- ☐ Hire a home watch company and a service to install hurricane shutters if needed.
- ☐ Remove valuables; lock/secure all doors, windows, sliders, garage door; arm house alarm.
- ☐ Stop or forward mail and newspaper deliveries.
- ☐ Close blinds; set lights to be on/off at different times.
- ☐ Schedule pest control treatment before leaving.
- ☐ Clean kitchen; remove food items; empty trash cans.
- ☐ Shut off water at main or valves to washing machine, dishwasher, sinks, toilets. Empty/turn off icemaker.
- ☐ Use sink/bath plugs to reduce water evaporation from trap and possible sewer gas smell.
- ☐ Turn off or unplug non-essential electrical appliances.
- ☐ Check smoke and CO detectors; replace all batteries.
- ☐ Service air conditioner. Set to 77-80°F to protect against mold and mildew. Use DampRid in closets.
- ☐ Move all outside items or accessories to the garage.
- ☐ Notify the HOA when the house will be vacant and provide contact information in case of an emergency.
- ☐ Give close friends or neighbors your travel schedule.
- ☐ If shipping a car, remove toll pass to avoid toll fees.

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