



Owners' Summer Prep Checklist Before Leaving

Everyone wants their summer to be worry-free and relaxing.

To have a wonderful summer away make sure to prepare your home before you go.

Below is a checklist for condo unit owners leaving Florida to go up north for the summer.



The main water inlet should be shut off when leaving your unit for more than 48 hours.



Put all of your shades and blinds in the closed position while you are gone. This prevents sun damage to your interior and keeps curious passersby from seeing inside your home.



Leaving your interior room and closet doors open keeps the air flowing through your condo unit to minimize the potential for mold and mildew.



Arm your alarm.



Seasonal maintenance should be performed on HVAC to ensure the system is in good working condition.



Check all appliances to verify they are off: This is particularly important for your stove or other appliances that generate heat. Unplug any electric items that don't need to run while you're gone.



Engage temperature and moisture monitoring systems.



Virtually all homeowners insurance carriers require unoccupied units to be checked at least once per month. If not, coverage can be voided or severely limited.

The following are among the items that should be inspected:

- ➔ Sinks, Tubs, Toilets, Showers
- ➔ Windows & Doors Appliances
- ➔ Hot Water Heater
- ➔ HVAC including adjustment of temperature
- ➔ Smoke Alarm Battery Replacement

Let the management company know when you are leaving and when you tentatively plan to come back. The management company should also have a way to access your residence should something go wrong while you are gone. Leave your contact info with the office, and provide a local contact if possible.

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