

Home Matters

Keep Your Home Safe While on Vacation

According to a recent survey, approximately 63% of U.S. adults plan to take at least one vacation this summer. While taking a trip and exploring the world can be fun and exciting, leaving your home unoccupied can be risky.

Before departing, protect your property from accidents and criminals by considering the following precautions:

- Unplug small appliances and electronics.
- Lock all windows and doors.
- Remove any house keys kept outside of your home.
- Turn off your home's water.

- Ask a friend, neighbor or family member to keep an eye on your home.
- Install motion-activated sensors on outdoor lights and set timers for indoor lighting.
- Stop mail deliveries by visiting the U.S. Postal Service's [website](#).
- Arrange to have your lawn mowed.
- Avoid alerting others that your home is unoccupied, such as by posting photos of your trip on social media.

Contact Hodge, Hart & Schleifer today for additional home-safety resources.

Improving Your Home's Air Quality

During the summer, wildfires, pollution, pollen and mold spores can all contribute to worse air quality.

To maintain good indoor air quality this summer, consider the following steps:

- Keep windows and doors closed to avoid allowing harmful particles to float into your home.
- Check the U.S. Environmental Protective Agency [Air Quality Index](#) regularly.
- Seal leaks or cracks in your home.
- Improve ventilation by servicing your air conditioning equipment and air ducts.
- Use equipment, such as air cleaners and dehumidifiers, to eliminate particles and excess moisture from the air.

Contact us today for more information.

