

Express Checklist for Snowbirds

*** LEAVING YOUR HOME ***

FIRE PREVENTION

- Remove propane tanks from BBQ
- Move porch furniture inside
- Remove any flammable items
- Trim landscape growth that can “ladder” a fire to the structure

EXTERIOR

- Check irrigation incl. schedule
- Pest control
- Arrange for someone to check irrigation

INTERIOR

HVAC, PLUMBING, GAS

- Have contractor check A/C system
- Set thermostat higher (~90°)
- Water heater: turn off/set to vacation
- Check all water drains are open
- Close windows/shades/curtains
- Turn off main water valve if not needed
- Drain remainder by opening faucets
- Determine whether to turn off gas for heat, pool or cooking fuel

ELECTRICAL/COMMUNICATIONS

- Unplug appliances, TVs, etc.
- Open appliance doors; oil seals
- Turn off ceiling fans
- Forward landline phone messages

SECURITY

- Unplug garage door opener for security
- Forward mail; stop all deliveries (news)
- Arrange for someone to check house
- Alert security company of schedule
- Alert friends/neighbors of schedule

*** RETURNING HOME ***

SECURITY

- Alert friends/security company of ETA
- Check for break-ins, including critters
- Check for missing items
- Check in with friends/neighbors/security company

EXTERIOR

- Check for signs of pests; treat for pests
- Check for termite damage
- Check/resume irrigation incl. schedule

INTERIOR

PLUMBING

- Check for water leaks
 - indoor/outdoor faucets
 - water heater/pipes
 - stains on walls, skylights, doors
 - irrigation
 - water treatment system
- Check for mold where water may leak

STRUCTURAL

- Check for damage from weather, etc.
- Check for dry rot

NOTES: