

PREPARE YOUR HOME BEFORE A GETAWAY



Does your insurance policy have a vacant dwelling restriction? If so, your property may not have insurance coverage if you are away from your home for an extended period of time. If you are unsure, you should check with your insurance professional to advise you.



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- Have a trusted friend, neighbour, or service enter your home every 3 days to check on the condition of it and it is highly suggested they document the visits. The documentation will give a timeline should there be an insurable loss situation e.g. furnace failure, burst water pipes.
- To prevent water damage from the inside of your home, you should turn off your water coming into the house and then drain the water in the lines. This would prevent water from a burst line to run from the upper levels of your home and pool in the basement.
- For those electric devices not in use such as computers, televisions, toasters, coffee makers, etc., they should be unplugged to prevent damage from electrical surges.
- Depending on the time of year turn down the heat, or turn off the a/c. The temperature should still remain at 14C so that items inside the house do not freeze such as water lines.
- Gas appliances that are not in use should be shut off, e.g. gas fireplace, hot water tank, stove, etc.
- If you own a condo, report the duration of your trip, the contact name and number of the person checking on your home to the Condo Management Representative.

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