

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME:

Don't let your home look unlived in:

- Consider hiring a house sitter. PORA Consumer Services at (623) 214-1646 can help you by giving you a referral.
- Call the Posse at (623) 584-5808 and tell them you will be gone, complete a Vacation Watch Card and make sure they know if you have a house sitter.
- **STOP** newspaper delivery! You can do this online or by calling the papers:

Arizona Republic

<https://subscribe.azcentral.com/circulation/vacationstartstop.php> or call (602) 444-1000

Daily News Sun

<https://yourwestvalley-dot-com.bloxcms.com/submissions/?mode=vacation> or call (623) 977-8351

Sun Cities Independent

https://circulation.newszap.com/cgi-bin/cmo_cmo.sh/custservice/web/login.html or call (800) 282-8586

Have a neighbor/house sitter pick up weekly (non-subscription) and flyers.

Stop or forward mail delivery. Do this online at

<https://holdmailpapers.usps.com/holdmail/landingView.do> or in person at the post office.



Have someone put trash into your trash can!



Give a neighbor a phone number in case of an emergency. Ask them to watch out for strange activity at your home and notify you and/or the Posse if they see anything unusual. If you don't have a lock box, leave a key with a neighbor or house sitter.

Leave a list of repair people that you use with your neighbor or house sitter.

DON'T block your driveway!

Put some lights on a timer set to your typical times.

Leave drapes/shutters as you usually have them.

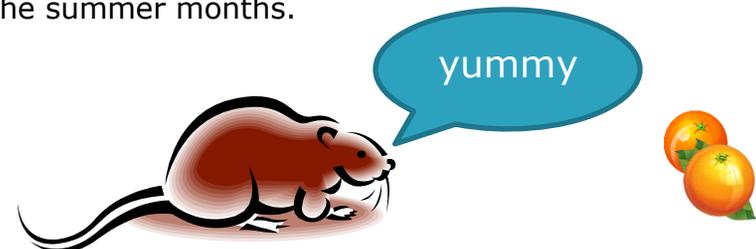
Put boards/rods in windows and sliding doors to prevent them from being opened.



LANDSCAPING:



Don't forget how quickly things grow in the Arizona heat. Make sure your landscaping is watered, trimmed and maintained throughout the summer months. And please, make sure your weeds have been treated and your citrus trees have been gleaned before you leave. When the ripened fruit falls and remains on the ground, it's a smorgasbord for those pesky rodents. Be considerate of your neighbors. CC&Rs receives more calls on landscaping violations and citrus left on the trees than anything else in the summer months.



CABLE/INTERNET/PHONE SERVICE:

It is not cost effective to turn off your service for a short period of time. Consult your phone provider for temporary shut-off program information. Consider leaving your phone on so a disconnected number doesn't tip off callers.

Cox: (602) 277-1000

Century Link (Qwest): (800) 244-1111



INSIDE YOUR HOME:

Pour approximately eight ounces of radiator fluid into your toilets and/or spread plastic wrap over the bowl to control evaporation.

Put approximately four ounces of radiator fluid in the drains of the sinks, tubs and showers and/or cover with plastic wrap and tape.

Place "roach motels" by the doors to control crickets and bugs.



Place all valuables in a safe or safe deposit box.

Property Owners & Residents Association



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Snowbirds!

Before you leave -



A handy checklist of things you can do to protect your house and make sure it's ready for you when you return.

UTILITIES:



Water – Turn off water to inside...do NOT shut off irrigation system water. Everything will die! Adjust your irrigation timer for a summer watering cycle. Consult the Master Gardner's at (623) 546-1672 if you're not sure how much to water

If you can't shut off the inside water only, turn off the water supply to your dishwasher, clothes washer, hot water tank, (and turn off the heat source), each toilet bowl, and the refrigerator and icemaker.



Electricity – If you want to turn off your Air Conditioner, turn it off at the thermo-stat or circuit breaker. Do not turn off your electric service or your irrigation timer will not work!

LOCK YOUR CIRCUIT BREAKER PANEL AND YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM TIMER.