



## VACATION CHECKLIST SUGGESTIONS

**Don't let your house be a target for burglars?**

**Use this checklist of tips to help protect your home while you are away:**

- ✓ Have good locks on all doors and windows and USE THEM!
- ✓ NEVER leave your house key hidden outside of your home.
- ✓ Ask a neighbor to check on your house daily.
- ✓ Leave emergency information and keys with a *trusted* neighbor.
- ✓ Stop all deliveries, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- ✓ Arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake leaves and maintain your yard to give it a lived-in look.
- ✓ Have your neighbor bring out your trash receptacle on the appropriate days to give the illusion you are home.
- ✓ Use timers or dusk to dawn sensors on outside lights and timers for inside lights to turn on and off at random times.
- ✓ Have your phone forwarded to a phone number that can be answered or have an answering machine answer the incoming calls.
- ✓ Have a radio on a timer to turn on and off at random times.
- ✓ Secure storage sheds, barns, attic entrances and gates. Close and lock garage doors and windows.
- ✓ If you leave a car at home – park as you normally would.
- ✓ Engrave your valuables and record serial numbers (i.e. firearms, electronic equipment). This will allow your stolen property to be identified and returned if recovered by police.
- ✓ Fill out a Vacation Check Form and drop off at the Shady Cove – JCSO department during normal business hours.