

PRE-TRAVEL CHECKLIST

	General Home Preparation:
	Water plants before leaving home or arrange for care
	Unplug any appliances sensitive to power surges such as computers, TV's, etc
	Dial your thermostat up or down to match seasonal temperature
	Stop all home delivery services (mail, newspaper) or have neighbors pickup
	Arrange for pet care at a kennel or in your home
	Mow lawn or make arrangements

	Security:
	Lock all windows and doors securely and remove any keys hidden outside the house
	Tell neighbors about your absence and give emergency information
	Close blinds and curtains
	Put TV's and lights on timer (program a few days before leaving)
	Change phone voice mail and email at home and work

	Kitchen:
	Turn off ice maker
	Store food in your freezer for return home
	Remove perishable items from your refrigerator
	Empty all waste baskets
	Run the garbage disposal
	Wash the dishes