



Snowbird Checklist

- Arrange for hurricane shutters to be installed when a tropical storm / hurricane watch or warning is in effect. Have shutters removed a few days after the storm/hurricane has departed.
- Replace all smoke alarm batteries and test to be sure they are working properly.
- Place timers on indoor lamps.
- Forward Mail.
- Place a temporary stop on newspaper delivery.
- Place phone, cable, internet service, and vehicle on “Vacation Status”.
- Return library books, rented videos/DVDs.
- Remove all furniture from lanai.
- Wedge dowels in window tracks and sliding doors to prevent burglars from prying them open.
- Open all interior doors, including closet doors, to promote airflow.
- Set air conditioners/thermostats at 80° to prevent mold growth and set humidistat between 40% and 60% relative humidity. If you do not have a humidistat set thermostats to no higher than 78°.
- Discard all perishables items.
- Fill jugs with tap water and place in refrigerator. A full refrigerator and freezer will use less energy than an empty one.
- Pack all prescription drugs including “refrigerated drugs”.



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- Run hot water through your garbage disposal, let it dry out then pour 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil into the disposal. Do not run any water, but turn the disposal on for a few seconds to lubricate the impellers, this will help prevent them from becoming stuck.
- Unplug electrical appliances and computers susceptible to lighting and power outages. Do not unplug refrigerators.
- Turn off circuit breakers to hot water heater to conserve energy.
- Disconnect electric garage door openers to prevent entry while you are away.
- Turn off main water valve, unless you have an automatic fire-sprinkler systems. In that case, turn off the water valves to your washing machine, dishwasher, and toilets. Bleed excess water out of lines.
- Hire a homewatch company to check on your property every week while you are away.
- Activate home security system.