

VACATION “HOME WATCH” SECURITY



You have made all the arrangements to insure a fantastic vacation adventure awaits you. However, what about the home you are leaving behind? An empty home can be an appealing target for an opportunistic burglar. Vacation is a time for fun and relaxation. Do not let yours be ruined by crime. Follow these simple crime prevention tips below.

- Make your house appear "lived in." Use timers for lights and radios.
- Have a neighbor or friend pick up mail, packages and newspapers.
- Continue your gardening services or have a neighbor maintain your lawn in your absence.
- Have good locks on all doors and windows, AND USE THEM!
- NEVER leave your house key hidden outside under a doormat, in a flowerpot, or on the ledge of a door.
- If you have an answering machine, do not leave any information about your trip on the outgoing recording. Simply state that you are not available at the moment and will call back later.
- Call the Milan Police Department at (309) 787-8520 and request a Vacation check for your home. An officer will check the exterior of your home at various times during your absence.

Remember that proper planning reduces your chance of becoming the victim of a crime. Call the Milan Police Department at (309) 787-8520 for further information regarding home security. Enjoy your vacation!