



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.
- Make sure all **smoke alarms are working** and have fresh batteries.
- 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 **humidistat should be at 40% - 60%** relative humidity.
- Discard all perishable items**.
- Fill jugs with tap water and place in refrigerator**. A full refrigerator/freezer will use less energy than an empty one.
- Pack all **prescription drugs** including "refrigerated drugs."
- Run **hot water through your garbage disposal**. Let it dry out. Pour **1 teaspoon vegetable oil into disposal**. Do not run any water, but turn disposal on for a few seconds (to prevent impellers from getting stuck).
- Unplug electrical appliances and computers** (except refrigerators) susceptible to lightning and power outages.
- Unplug or turn off circuit breaker to hot water heater** to conserve energy.
- Disconnect electric garage door opener** to prevent burglars from entering.
- Add 1 cup of **bleach to toilet bowls** to keep it clean.
- Turn off main water valve**, unless you have an automatic fire-sprinkler system. In that case, turn off the water valves to your washing machine, dishwasher, and toilets. Bleed excess water out of lines.
- Ask a **friend, neighbor, or homewatch company to check on your property every week** while you are away. (Request that they remove their shoes while inspecting carpeted areas; if the carpets are wet, it will be easily detected.)
- Activate home security system**.



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