

Away for the Winter

The following is a very basic reminder list for closing up your property while you are away for the winter.

- Final yard clean up, cut back all perennials, empty window boxes
- Winterize your irrigation system
- Remove any outdoor hoses, drain and store. Turn off outdoor faucets to prevent freezing
- Drain and winterize outdoor shower
- Put away or cover and secure any outdoor furnishings or items that may be blown around
- Remove all food items in the house that could attract mice
- Clean out fridge and freezers, leave door ajar to prevent mold
- Unplug appliances & turn off hot water heater
- Cover furniture, artwork or prints to protect from sun damage/fading
- Put storm windows in place, lock all sash locks and pull shades
- Put phone, cable, internet & TV on "vacation hold" with the utility company
- DO NOT disconnect your phone service if you have an alarm system!
- Make sure your fuel service is notified for auto fill if you are leaving the heat on
- Contact the post office if you need to have any mail forwarded
- Contact a plumber to drain your pipes & winterize systems, they will typically take care of your outdoor shower as well if asked

If you need a caretaker or cleaner, please give us a call.