

**PIMA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S AUXILIARY
VOLUNTEERS
VACATION CHECKLIST**



Residents leaving for vacation or for the summer may be leaving a welcome sign out for burglars or other potential problems. Please take the time to do the following:

1. Call SAV (Sheriff's Auxillary Volunteers) and request house checks. About once a week, all your doors and windows will be checked. They also look for running water, bee activity etc. Make sure your house number is on the back of the house/gate. There is no charge for this service.
2. Make sure all doors and windows are locked. Use track locks and pin sliding windows. If possible, use security bars or wooden dowels on sliding doors. Lock security screen doors.
3. Close all drapes and blinds.
4. Suspend all deliveries and forward mail if leaving for the summer.
5. Arrange for a keyholder (2 if possible). Make sure they have your contact information.
6. Arrange for yard care. Eliminate weeds, debris and keep trees and shrubs trimmed.
7. Turn buckets or containers upside down so they won't collect water and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Make sure ponds or pools are empty or properly maintained.
8. Have a neighbor keep watch for strange occurrences. Neighborhood watch programs are very effective.
9. Warning decals are available to put on front and rear windows.
10. It is safest to not discontinue your phone service.
11. If possible, use electric timers with multiple settings to turn lights on at different times and also a radio.

Other Things You Can Do

12. Outside motion sensor lighting can also be a deterrent.
13. All valuables should be marked with your drivers license number and state.
14. Have a written record of your possessions.
15. An alarm system is added security.
16. Rolling shutters are expensive, but offer great protection.
17. Window film reduces glass breakage and visability from outside.

Make sure to call SAV at 520-351-6744 one week before you leave.