

Home Guidance



This is a quick and easy to use guide for some things to consider about your house whilst you take that well deserved holiday. This information is to be used as a guide only, and should be adapted to suite your requirements.

For any suggestions, comments or items that you think we should include, please send us an e-mail to travelquestions@aasa.co.za.

- Confirm that all home insurance policies are up-to-date & that insurance is sufficient.
- Remove all spare and hidden keys in and outside your home.
- Consider leaving a spare key with a trusted neighbour.
- Temporarily cancel subscriptions to newspaper and other deliveries.
- Notify a family member or friend to collect mail and other deliveries that cannot be cancelled.
- Notify your neighbourhood watch and or a trusted neighbour of your planned absence.
- Do not mention your holiday plans to any unnecessary parties.
- Plan your packing and avoid doing so when visible to onlookers.
- Notify your alarm company of planned testing and test alarms regularly to ensure it is operational.
- Regular testing will avoid suspicion.
- Power outages may affect performance of alarm systems. Thus check with the security company for advice on alarm settings.
- Set automatic lights throughout the house.
- Cut grass before your holiday and decide whether garden services should be suspended or arranged especially if you will be absent for an extended period.
- Set sprayer system or arrange for watering of pots and plants.
- Check smoke detectors and ensure that there are no fire hazards.
- Unplug all unnecessary electronic items such as your television, computer and stereo system.
- Switch off your geyser, and don't forget to switch it on upon your return!
- Remove perishable foods from fridge and vegetable drawer.
- Check and replace older light bulbs for outside lights.
- Switch off phones to avoid excessive ringing.
- Lock away all valuable items, jewellery, important documents and money in a secure safe.
- Arrange care for your pets and also provide the caretaker with the necessary animal hospital details and 'medical aid cards' if you have pet insurance.
- Close all 'doggy doors' and entrances that can admit small intruders.
- Lock all louvered windows
- Ensure that all entrances, service doors and gates have quality locks

Door checks:

- Front door
- Rear door
- Garage doors
- Patio doors
- Service doors
- Gates



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