



NEWS RELEASE

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Vacation Tips

During these winter months, as well as during spring breaks and summer, many area residents vacation or leave their home for an extended period of time. The Portage Department of Public Safety would like to remind residents of some things to consider before leaving.

1. Ensure that all your doors and windows are locked, including your garage service door and garage entry door.
2. All vehicles, including those parked in the garage, should be locked with the keys removed.
3. Make sure someone is keeping your driveway and sidewalk clear of snow.
4. Utilize trustworthy friends and family to check your residence.
5. Confirm that your local police department has a good contact phone number for you in case they need to reach you.
6. Place a hold on your mail and newspaper until you return.
7. Keep your outdoor lights on at night.
8. Use timers on select interior lights to indicate someone may be home.
9. Place your trash bin inside your garage while you are gone.
10. Unplug your landline phones (if you have one) from the wall.

By following these few tips, your vacation and travels can be less stressful. If you have any more questions, please contact Community Policing Officer Adam Dmoch at 269.324.9255.

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