

What is a Vacation Home Check Program?

This is a free service to our Winters' residents who live within the city limits. Our police staff will periodically make efforts to check on your home while you are on vacation.

To register for this program, you simply need to fill out the form on the reverse side each time you intend to go on an extended trip . Then return it to the address below.

We have provided a list of tips that you should consider before going on your trip.

We hope you a fun and safe vacation.

Winters Police Department

702 Main Street
Winters, CA 95694

Dispatch Phone: 530-795-4561
Office: 530-795-2261
website: www.winterspolice.org

1. Do not advertise that you are away!

- Use caution when leaving any messages on your answering machine or voice mail. Do not post your plans, or photos of the trip, on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

2. Advise the Winters Police Department of your vacation and fill out a house watch form at the Winters Police Department front counter.

3. Stop all deliveries

- Mail-Have the US Post Office Hold your mail.
- Newspaper-Cancel delivery or have a neighbor pick it up
- Have all necessary deliveries made to a neighbor.

4. Have someone cut the grass and tend to front yard as needed.

5. Use timers on lights and possibly a radio

- Set timers to keep with your regular schedule.

6. Leave shades, blinds, curtains or drapes as usual

- If someone is checking your home, have them change a drape a little each day.

7. Secure all doors and windows

- If you must leave a window open for ventilation, make it a 2nd floor window.

- Make sure windows are pinned.
- Remove all access to windows, i.e. ladders.
- Arm the alarm system.

8. Make the house looks occupied.

- Park a car in the driveway. Have the neighbor or friend move it time to time.
- Do not leave notes on the door.

9. Secure all valuables in safe or remove them from your home.

- If possible, store valuables at a secure location.

10. Close and lock the garage door and storage sheds

- Remove electronic garage door openers from the unused vehicles.

11. Make proper arrangement for the care and feeding of your pets

- Make sure responders have the alarm code and are familiar with the alarm system.

12. Have a family member, friend, neighbor have a key for emergencies.

Have a great vacation!

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CITY OF WINTERS



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VACATION?

Winters Police Department

Protection Our Duty, Service Our Goal

HOME CHECK REPORT

When are you leaving? : _____ When are you returning? : _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Phone # to contact you while you are gone: _____

If there is an EMERGENCY who would you like us to CONTACT?:

Call my number

Please call my emergency contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Who will be watching the house while you are gone?

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Make/Model/ Color of Vehicle: _____

Will you be leaving lights on? Yes No

Are the lights on constantly or do they shut off automatically? _____

Will you be leaving animals at the house? Yes No

of animals/type of animals: _____

Will you be leaving any vehicles in the driveway (Make/Model/Color)? : _____

Officer ID	Date/Time	Case/ Cite #	Visual	Physical	Unusual Circumstances

Advisement: This form is for emergency contact information and is not assurance that your property will be physically checked by Officers.