

Pre Departure Checklist

Doolittle's Housesitting Pre-Departure Checklist Suggestions

- Secure doors, windows, locks, garage doors and dog doors
- Add metal rods along the bottom of glass doors and windows
- Install home alarm system; if none, display a company alarm sign
- Make sure the entrance and garage/drive-way areas are well lit at night
- Trim shrubs, trees and bushes that obscure entrance views
- Empty refrigerator of all perishables and turn off ice maker
- Provide a car key if you are leaving a car in the garage; disconnect the battery
- Remove door openers, valuables and ID documents from the car/glove box
- Disconnect the electric garage door opener receiver
- Shut off main water lines to avoid potential flooding
- Unplug all appliances, electronics, computers and televisions
- Check and replace batteries in smoke detectors
- Cover outdoor furniture and barbeque grills. Lower umbrellas or store indoors
- Forward mail or arrange for mail pick-up and forward services
- Cancel newspaper and magazine subscriptions
- Adjust AC thermostat to a maximum of 85 degrees
- Lower blinds, curtains and shutters slightly; not completely
- Relocate valuables and confidential documents to safe deposit box
- Add timers to exterior and interior lights
- Forward land lines to destination phone or mobile line
- Inspect outdoor irrigation system; adjust for seasonal changes
- Move indoor plants away from sunny windows