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HOA Newsletter

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Dear Leopard's Rest Residents,

It's finally here – December! We know you are as excited as we are to spend time with your family and friends or to set off for that long-awaited break to the coast or the bush. During this festive season, it is more important than ever to be vigilant about the safety of your home and your belongings, so we have compiled a list of safety tips for you before you leave on holiday:

Tip #1

Ensure that your pets are taken care of. Either get a pet sitter – many teenagers are willing to check on, feed and walk pets daily for a bit of extra pocket money – or arrange that they go to a kennel while you are away. Dogs that are left home alone often bark and howl incessantly in their owners' absence and become a nuisance to neighbours.

Tip #2

Get someone to watch your home. If you are going on an extended holiday, it's best to get a housesitter. Ask a friend or someone you trust to either stay in your home or check on it every few days.

Tip #3

Create the illusion that someone is home. Put some interior lamps on a timer switch that will turn them on and off in the evenings creating the impression that someone is home. This might scare off burglars.

Tip #4

Turn off your geyser. If no one will be home, there is no need to keep the geyser on, and it will save you a lot of money.

Tip #5

Unplug electronics. Unplug all your electronics except your fridge and freezer. It will protect them from being damaged by power surges caused by thunderstorms or load-shedding while you are away.

Tip #6

Top up your prepaid electricity so that your fridge and freezer will still stay on while you are away. There is nothing as unpleasant as coming home from a relaxing holiday to find a freezer full of spoiled food!

Tip #7

Keep valuables out of sight. Don't entice burglars to break in by leaving your valuables in plain sight, especially near windows. Store your valuables like jewellery, money, and electronics in a drawer or a safe.



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Tip #8

Spare keys. Never leave a spare key outside or under your doormat. You don't want unwanted visitors to enter your home while you are away on holiday. Instead, leave a spare key with a friend who can check on your home should it be necessary.

Tip #9

Remember your car. It's important to secure your vehicle if you are not travelling with it. Remove valuables from your car and park it in the shade under a carport or in a garage. Store your car keys in a safe place.

Tip #10

Take out the garbage and recyclables. To avoid unpleasant odours or unwanted creepy crawlies greeting you when you return, remove all the garbage from your home before you leave. Don't leave your municipal wheelie bin on the sidewalk. It is a glaring sign to burglars that you are not home. Ask a neighbour if you can place your refuse bags in their bin to be collected on the next refuse removal day or ask them to put your wheelie bin back into your yard or theirs.

Tip #11

Lock doors and windows. This one might seem obvious, but it is easy to forget to close all the windows and lock the doors before leaving when your mind is on other things. After packing everything, do a final check to ensure your home is secure.

We want to thank all our residents for your continued loyal support throughout 2022. May your festive season be filled with laughter, joy and incredible moments surrounded by loved ones and family.

Happy holidays and safe travels.

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