

Final Snowbird Preparations to do Around the House Before Heading Up North

There's a lot to do before heading up North for the off season. Don't have regrets, have peace of mind.

- Your home should be checked once a week for peace of mind & to avoid catastrophies
- Take photos and/or videos of the inside and outside of your homes in case a natural disaster occurs
- Make a list of companies/vendors who you use or want to use in an emergency
- Change all important batteries and have backups in the house
- Inspect all plumbing fixtures and address any issues (no matter how small)
- Ensure your homes security by making sure all window and doors lock and seal correctly
- Install surge protectors and/or unplug items that don't need to stay on
- Cover all toilet seats with plastic wrap and close lids
- Make sure your garbage is taken out
- Make sure you throw away all perishable items
- Be sure to trim all branches and bushes around your home
- Be sure to secure all pool and patio furniture
- Forward mail and stop other deliveries
- Put one or two lights on a timer for the venings

Debatable items:

- Turning your water off - to avoid floods
- Turning your fridge off - If you do, make sure to clean the fridge completely and leave the doors open in order to avoid mold
- What temperature to leave your thermostat and humidistat on - A humidistat should be set at 60 degrees. Thermostat can be set between 80 - 84 degrees max
- Install hurricane shutters for the whole season - huge fire hazard