

TIPS TO SECURE YOUR HOME

- » **Keep an Eye on Your Property:** Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home while you're away.
- » **Make Your Home Look Occupied:** Use timers on interior lights and consider leaving a radio on a timer as well. Use motion sensor lights outdoors. Do not close your blinds completely. Instead leave them tilted upward so a little light shines through.
- » **Stop the Mail:** Either place a "stop" order on all mail and newspapers or arrange to have someone pick it up.
- » **Keep Your Landscape Trimmed:** If things start to look neglected, it's easy to assume you're not around. Consider hiring a lawn service.
- » **Beware of Social Media:** It's tempting to post comments or photos of your vacation. However, that broadcasts to the world that you aren't home right now, which tips off criminals.



For more information, contact
Vacation House Program
425-430-7519 or 425-430-7571

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VACATION HOUSE CHECK PROGRAM



City of Renton
**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**





REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE

- » Residents who live within the Renton City Limits are eligible to receive this free service.
- » House checks are not conducted on homes that are occupied for any length of time during the homeowner's absence, and is not available for homes that are vacant, for rent, or sale.
- » Homes that aren't completely secured (i.e., open or unlocked windows and sliding glass doors, portable air conditioning unit connected to an unsecured window, etc.), will be removed from the checklist.

VACATION HOUSE CHECK PROGRAM

It's a free service offered by the Renton Police Department to Renton residents living in single family homes. Police Volunteers will check your unoccupied residence several times a week, making sure doors and windows are locked, newspapers haven't accumulated, and only authorized vehicles are on the property.

If anything seems suspicious, the volunteer will have a police officer respond to the scene. If necessary, they will contact the emergency contact listed on your Vacation House Check Request form.

VACATION HOUSE CHECK DETAILS

- » This service is only available during weekdays and excludes weekends and holidays.
- » Request forms are reviewed and processed Monday - Friday between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- » Please note that it could take up to 2-3 business days to process your request form.
- » If packages are delivered to your home while you're away, the packages will be left onsite and your emergency contact person will be notified.

REQUEST A HOUSE CHECK

Go to rentonwa.gov/housecheck.

Submit your vacation house check request form.

If you can't submit a request form online, please call 425-430-7571 and leave a message.

A volunteer will call you back to collect details for your house check.



"Using the Vacation House Check Program makes me feel better and more at ease knowing someone's checking my home while I'm away.

It's a great service the Renton Police Department provides to the community."

~ Christina Jarvis

