

VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT

If you are going on vacation or your home will be vacant for an extended period of time, the Village of Mariemont Police are happy to keep an eye on things around your home and property. Simply fill out a copy of the *Vacation/Vacant House Check* form and submit it to the Village of Mariemont Police Department.

Crime prevention tips to help protect yourself and your property:

Before Leaving on Vacation

Include these tips as part of your trip preparation to deter burglary while you're away. The idea is to make things look as they normally do when you are at home.

- Keep shades and blind in their normal positions.
- Stop all deliveries (mail, reoccurring deliveries, newspaper) or arrange for someone to pick them up every day.
- Install quality locks. Make sure to lock all doors and windows.
- Turn off your garage door opener. A burglar could open it through a universal remote.
- Activate your security system and alert the alarm company if one is monitoring your home.
- Put timers on several household lights so they turn on and off at appropriate times.
- Leave a radio on or put it on a timer.
- Inform a trusted neighbor of your travel plans and ask him or her to keep an eye out for suspicious people or activity.
- Cancel any deliveries.
- Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway overnight.
- Refrain from publicizing your trip ahead of time.
- Turn down the ringer on your telephone.
- Arrange for the Village of Mariemont Police Department to conduct regular checks of your home while you're away.