



## TIP OF THE WEEK

### Protecting Your Home

Your home is the most valuable asset you have and it is worth protecting. Here are some tips to help you keep your home safe.

#### When at Home

- When in your back yard lock your front door and vice versa.
- When in the home, it is a good idea to keep your doors locked.
- Consider keeping your blinds/curtains closed at night because people can see in.

#### When on Vacation

- Arrange to have your mail picked up and consider stopping newspapers.
- Remember to have the grass cut, the leaves raked or the snow removed as necessary.
- Use timers on a few lamps in rooms where the light will be noticed from outside the house.
- Have a neighbor check both inside and outside the house every few days. Ask them to pick up items delivered while you are away.
- If you have a clearly designated outside parking space (as is the case in many townhouse neighborhoods), ask a neighbor to park their car in your space.

#### In Your Yard

- Trim trees and bushes that could conceal burglars, especially around windows and doors.
- Keep your yard maintained to give the house a lived-in appearance. Cut grass, rake leaves, remove dead branches and debris.
- Install outside lights to brighten dark areas around doors or windows.

#### In Your Community

- Get to know your neighbors – residents should become familiar with the routine in their neighborhoods.
- Be aware of strangers and look out for each other.
- Leave keys and emergency phone numbers with a trusted neighbor.
- Keep up appearances – a well-tended neighborhood is less attractive to criminals and vandals.
- Get involved in crime prevention programs.

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If you have information regarding a crime, contact Protective Services at 780-471-7477. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Your identity will remain anonymous, and if the information you provide leads to a conviction, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2000.00.

***Everybody benefits, except the criminal.***