

# DESERT SENTINEL

## HOME SERVICE

### Leaving home tips

Summer in Arizona is right around the corner and luckily for many of you that means packing up and seeking your entertainment in a much cooler climate. Good for you; but as lucky as you are to not have to endure the 100+ degree temperatures, monsoons and other elements associated with Arizona summers, your home is not as fortunate. Since you can't pack your entire home in a box and take it with you, here are ten things you can do to help maintain the integrity of your home, detour unwanted intruders and provide a little peace of mind for yourself.

1. Discard any perishable food items from refrigerator
2. Turn off icemaker; remove ice
3. Be sure all trash is removed to discourage pests
4. Pour baking soda in the garbage disposal
5. Open closet and cabinet doors for air circulation
6. Set out 5 gallons buckets of water (usually 4-5 buckets) around the house to promote moisture in the air
7. Turn ringers off on all phones to detour intruders listening for an unanswered phone
8. Strategically equip certain indoor and outdoor lights with timers
9. Unplug electric garage door opener(s)
10. Cover and stack patio furniture in the garage, if not, leave in place. Never stack furniture up against your house covered up, telltale sign no-one's home. Leave barbeque in place

It is important that your home is monitored on a regular basis to ensure a proactive approach to any issues that can arise while you are away. At Desert Sentinel we will take care of the above along with much more as part of our departure and return services. Take advantage of one of these comprehensive services or both and leave the work to us.