

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT**

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WINTER VACATION SAFETY REMINDERS

There is more to planning a vacation than choosing destinations and making reservations. You also need to take steps to ensure that your home is safe while you are away. The Police Department offers the following safety tips when leaving your home.

- Arrange for the shoveling of snow from your driveway, sidewalk and walkway similar to making arrangements for grass cutting during a summer vacation.
- Lock all doors and windows. Remember to lock garages and sheds too.
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries and ask a neighbor to pick up any advertising circulars left on your porch.
- Park your locked car in your driveway or have a neighbor park their car in your driveway.
- Connect automatic timers to indoor and outdoor lights, as well as to a radio or television.
- Turn down the ringer on your phone. If you have an answering machine, make sure your message doesn't tell callers you are on vacation.
- Tell a neighbor or relative where you can be reached at all times.

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