

REMINDER: Residential Security Reminders During Move-Out

During this time of transition, we would like to provide you with the following suggestions for safeguarding your property and residence; these tips are valid regardless of where you live:

Windows

Close and secure all windows completely and lock them.

Place a locking device in the track and or a stick in the track so that the window cannot be forced to slide open easily. Make sure that there is no play between the stick and sliding glass. Visually, keep them clean and repair window screens as needed.

Sliding glass doors

Close and secure the door completely and ensure that the door handle lock works properly. Place a locking device in the track and or a stick in the track so the slider cannot be forced to slide or bounce open.

Place a locking pin in the door frame between the slider and fixed pane.

Keep the door clean and repair the door screen as needed.

Doors

Close and secure the door completely and lock the door knob handle.

Use the dead bolt.

Ensure the any front door peephole is secure and functional.

On the interior, use the interior door chain/ latch.

Garage door

Ensure that the light bulb works and activates when the door is in motion.

Replace any batteries in door remotes as needed.

Check the drive, hinges, chain, springs and track for proper function.

Lighting

Check all of your exterior lighting to ensure that they are working properly.

Replace any burnt out bulbs or broken bulbs.

Clean any exterior globes or panes.

Repair or place any broken globes or panes as needed.

This is a hectic time, and it is easy to forget about these basic tips. However, keeping them in mind will go a long way towards ensuring your property's security.