

Checklist for Closing House for the Summer

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Install hurricane shutters	
Remove satellite dish and store in garage	
Secure rear screen door by installing extra slide bolts at top and bottom of outside surface of door	
Store unsecured outdoor items in garage, including planters, barbeque and Lanai furniture	
Unplug garage door-opener and slide bolts across each side of garage door	
Cover furniture with sheets if exposed to sunlight from skylight or windows	
Pour small amount of vegetable oil down garbage disposal and run for 2 seconds to distribute oil	
Pour a small amount of Clorex or other liquid bleach into toilet bowl and cover bowl with saran wrap to avoid evaporation. (Do not put bleach on any chrome drains - It will eat the chrome finish).	
Close stoppers on tubs and sinks and place saran wrap over drains in showers and overflow outlets in tubs and sinks (to avoid water in traps from evaporating, causing sewer smell to enter house);	
Stop or redirect mail	
Cancel newspaper	
Discontinue phone, cable, internet service	
Discard any food from pantry or cupboards that may spoil	
Empty fridge; unplug fridge and leave door propped open	
Turn off main water supply to house (located at side of garage beneath utility connection)	
Turn off power supply to hot water tank (Circuit-breaker in Electrical Panel)	
Ensure that garbage is disposed of	
Perform any preventative pest control	
Leave dehumidifier or air conditioner on minimal setting	
Give a key to a friend or neighbor for emergency access and periodic checking. Leave contact numbers where you can be reached.	

