

Protect your home while on vacation

Most burglaries occur during summer months. However, there are many things you can do to help prevent your home from being targeted.

The majority of burglaries occur while homes are unoccupied. If you plan on going on vacation this summer, one way to protect your home is to make it look like you're still there. Leave second story shades open and have a neighbor pick up your newspapers while you're away so they don't stack up.

Getting to know your neighbors is a great defense against burglaries. They can help you keep an eye on your home while you're away and contact you if something doesn't seem right. If you don't know your neighbors well, you might want to attend your neighborhood's National Night Out event, which will be held on August 7.

How you landscape your home can actually help protect it as well. Trim back shrubs near doors and windows so that burglars won't be able to hide

behind them. Installing motion detecting lights can also be helpful.

The most important thing to remember to keep your home safe this summer is to lock your doors and windows. It may sound obvious, but 30 percent of burglaries occur as a result of open doors and windows.

Additionally, WH Security's new

Control My Home services can help you stay connected to your home while you're away. Through this service, you can remotely lock and unlock doors, control your lights,



Installing motion-detecting lights outside your home can help to deter potential burglars.

control your security system and receive notifications when alarm activity occurs.

For more information on any of WH Security's services, call (763) 477-3664.

Sign up for alarm alerts online

Sign up to receive free alarm activity alerts via email or text message.

Just go to www.wh-security.com, click on "My account," then "Receive alarm alerts" and fill out the online form.

Save energy through remote thermostat control

Are you dreading hot summer days that will make you run your air conditioner full blast? As you may remember from July 2011's heat wave, staying cool can use a lot of energy.

If you're looking to save energy, one easy way is to add a remotely controlled thermostat to your security system. This service is available through WH Security's Control My Home program and allows you to adjust your thermostat via your smartphone or from anywhere you have an Internet connection.

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Unlock your home's doors from anywhere

Have you or your kids ever forgotten a house key and found yourselves locked out? Or maybe you need to let a contractor or housekeeper into your home while you're away.

WH Security's Control My Home features give you the ability to remotely lock and unlock your doors from anywhere you have an Internet connection.

By using this feature, you can simply have the person needing entry call you when they arrive at your home. From your present location, you can send a signal to unlock the door and disarm your security system via your smart phone or computer. After the person leaves, you can re-lock the door and re-activate your alarm system.

The great benefit of this feature is the ability to allow a person to have access to your home while you are away, without compromising your home security by giving someone a key to the door or the access code to disarm your system.

This Control My Home service is a common add-on to a security system and has tremendous benefits. If you have a security system or are planning to get one, this feature must be used with cellular communication, not a landline connection.

For more information about upgrading your system, call us at (763) 477-3664, email info@wh-security.com, or check out our Web pages for more details.

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The biggest advantage is significant cost savings on both your heating and cooling costs. Setting your air conditioner just 5° F higher while you're away from home will save you up to 20 percent on your cooling costs, which results in an approximate savings of \$100-\$150 per year. In the winter, you can expect similar results by lowering your in-home temperature by 5° F when you're not at home. Because you have remote access to change your heating and cooling system settings anytime, you can be sure your home will be comfortable when you return.

Control My Home offers interactive services that will give you this capability as well as the ability to remotely control many other aspects



Control My Home allows you to adjust your thermostat settings from anywhere you have an Internet connection.

of your home. Not only can you enjoy the peace of mind from a home security standpoint, but now you can use the system to help save money. If you'd like to learn more about upgrading your security system to include these services, call WH Security at (763) 477-3664.



Control My Home service is a common add-on to a security system. This feature must be used in conjunction with cellular communication, not a landline connection. Features start at an additional \$2.50 per month. Equipment costs may apply.