

 **Tips For Vacation and Holidays!** 



Planning a Holiday Vacation?



~ Think About Safety & Security ~ Take All Possible Precautions ~

Remember: Most crime in North Oakland is *Crime of Opportunity!* It is going to increase in these dismal economic times. Protect Yourself Now!



LIGHTING – Leave Front Porch & Back Yard Lights On

Get Timers for Lamps ~ Increase Bulb Wattage

Install Motion Detectors between Houses, in the Back Yard and Driveways near Vehicles.

Call in Street Lights that are Flickering or Out –510-615-5566.



AUTO SECURITY – Use The Club and/or an Alarm

North Oakland has High Incidents of Stolen or Vandalized Cars –

Leave **Nothing** Visible – No Packages, No Groceries, No Change, No Clothing,

No CD's or Tapes, No Laptops, No Diaper or Gym Bags, and

Especially No Cell Phones or their Accessories.

Never put anything in your trunk and then just walk away from your car. **Drive** away!



MAIL – Don't Be Vulnerable to Identity Theft

It is so easy for someone to get your mail and to use your identity fraudulently.

Deposit Mail in Postal Boxes rather than leaving it in your box for pick-up.

Get a Locking Mailbox or have a Mail Slot in your Front Door.

If you are away, ask a Neighbor to Retrieve Your Mail just after delivery and

Put Newspaper Deliveries on Hold.



RECYCLING – Recycling Thieves Are Not Simply That

Police reports show that recycling thieves are often on probation, have warrants, and support their drug/alcohol addictions with **crimes of opportunity** while canvassing neighborhoods for recyclables.

Make It Look Like You Are Home – Even When You Are Not.

Destroy credit card applications/receipts, banking and personal information.

When possible - put bins out just before pick-up.

City Ordinance: Store Bins Out of View, In Garages, Backyards or Behind Secure Enclosures

 **Neighborhood Watch (formerly known as Home Alert)**

  **Be the Eyes and Ears on Your Block**  

To start a new Neighborhood Watch Group, call OPD 238-3091

Join your NCPC – RockridgeNCPC.com Tel: 510-373-NCPC (6272)

Emergency: 9-1-1 From a Cell: 510-777-3211 Non Emergency 510-777-3333