

Vacation and Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

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

Remember: Most crime in North Oakland is *Crime of Opportunity!*

And, if something, anything, does happen to you and you don't report it, it is like it never happened – and OPD won't have the right statistics to allocate resources to Rockridge.

Here are tips from the Greater Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council:

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 CDs or tapes, No laptops, No diaper or gym bags, No cell phones or their accessories.

Never put anything in your trunk and walk away from your car.

Always look inside in the front and back of your car before opening the door.

MAIL – Don't Be Vulnerable to Identity Theft

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

Put mail in USPS mail 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 often resort to *crimes of opportunity* while canvassing neighborhoods for recyclables by checking door handles, going into back yards and open windows.

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

Get to know your neighbors – learn to recognize suspicious activity on your street.

To start a new Neighborhood Watch Group, call OPD 510-238-3091

Join your Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council – RockridgeNCPC.com

City of Oakland Emergency: Landline 9-1-1 From a Cell: 510-777-3211

Non Emergency 510-777-3333