

Vacation Home Check Program

If you have ever gone away for the weekend, or on an extended vacation somewhere, you know the feeling of worrying if your home is safe and secure in your absence.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Vacation Home Check Program allows homeowners to request extra patrols at their residence while they are out of town for an extended period of time (typically longer than two nights). This service is available to homeowners that live in unincorporated Multnomah County, the City of Wood Village, or the City of Maywood Park.



Homeowners are encouraged to notify MCSO whenever they are going to be out of town so that patrol deputies assigned to your neighborhood are aware of when your house should be unoccupied and what persons or vehicles are allowed to be there in your absence.

When requested, MCSO deputies will stop by your residence as often as possible during the course of their daily patrol duties and conduct a "premise check" of your residence. This includes checking exterior doors, exterior windows, and most outbuildings to insure that they are locked and secure. Any suspicious activity, such as an unlocked/unsecured exterior door or window is checked out immediately. Our deputy will make every attempt to secure that door or window before leaving your property. If it appears that a crime has occurred

(like a burglary), the patrol deputy will make every effort to contact you as soon as possible.

If you'd like MCSO patrol deputies to keep an extra eye on your house while you are out of town, please call the MCSO Law Enforcement Records Unit at 503-255-3600, extension 0. Please be prepared to give the following information:

- Name of residents
- Address of your residence
- Date leaving
- Date returning
- Any authorized visitors (house sitters, pet sitters, etc)
- Any authorized vehicles (vehicles left at the residence and vehicles that will be stopping by)
- Emergency contact information (including local responders like neighbor, family members, people who could respond to your home quickly if called by a deputy)
- Any special information (are there pets at the house, firearms in the house, recent problems/threats made by family, friends or neighbors, etc.)