

Vacation Proofing Your Home

AUDIO DESCRIPTION

Jeanette Pavini, a woman with long dark hair is standing in a house. She goes to the thermostat and shows how to adjust thermostat to 85 degrees while you are away to conserve energy. At the water heater she turns the valve at the base of the tank which can be adjusted to off or vacation setting. We also see a sample of a light timer being set and appliance plugs being pulled from the wall.

TRANSCRIPT

Hi, I'm consumer expert Jeanette Pavini here with just one thing to do to save money. No sense making a home work overtime while you're on vacation. Here's how to prep your home for energy efficiency before you leave. Turn off or adjust your thermostat to 85 degrees so you aren't cooling an empty house. Program it to reach a comfortable temperature on the day you return home. Turn down your water heater if you'll be away for an extended amount of time. It may have a low or vacation setting. Use light timers to save energy and give a more realistic illusion that someone is home. Unplug TVs, gaming systems, coffee makers and other devices. Even when they're turned off, they're using standby or vampire power. And if you do just one thing, adjust the thermostat, use light timers, or unplug unused devices.