

## HOME WATCH GUIDELINES

*It is recommended that you print out this form to use as a checklist.*

- Empty freezer of meat and ice cream
- All boxed items (cereal, rice, pastas) should be put into refrigerator
- All butter should be in an enclosed container
- Discard anything in refrigerator that will create an odor should we have loss of power
- Leave a bottle of water in the freezer
- Empty ice from container and turn off icemaker
- Leave a small bottle of vinegar to put into the bottom of the dishwasher, home watch should run a rinse cycle each visit and then add 1/4 c of vinegar
- Leave a small bottle of olive oil for garbage disposal to keep blades from seizing. Home watch should run each visit
- Ceiling fans on low
- Small amount of light in each room. Mold is drawn to darker rooms
- Leave AC filters for home watch to change
- Temp should be set at 76 (ideal recommendation) NO higher than 78.
- Turn off hot water breaker
- Turn off water at base of toilets
- Leave bleach by each commode for home watch to flush and wipe inside bowl
- Run all taps and showers
- Turn off main water valve
- Open doors beneath sink and vanities for circulation and so that home watch checks for any leaks, insects.
- Closet doors should be open
- Make certain garbage cans are cleaned prior to departure
- All patio furniture should be brought inside
- Damp Rids are great for closets and humidity. Put an aluminum pan underneath the hanging bag in case, it should leak.
- Remove all batteries from remotes
- Unplug anything that is not surge protected
- If home watch finds an insect issue, contact Bugs R Us.
- Turn off the water valve to the washing machine

Make certain your home watch contacts you with a report after each inspection.

If you have a garage and store a vehicle, make certain that your home watch inspects the interior of the vehicle.

Home watch should inspect all areas of the home to include ceilings, around baseboards, inside closets, underneath cabinets and vanities, lanais, and the garage if applicable.