

# BEFORE YOU LEAVE PUNTA RASSA

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Move patio furniture indoors. Bring in anything located outdoors that may blow around in a heavy wind storm.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Properly dispose of any bags of garbage. Spray wastebaskets and garbage cans with Lysol or another disinfectant spray.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove the vacuum cleaner bag and replace it with a fresh one. Replace any water filters with clean ones.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that at least one person watches your condo so they can check for leaks, infestations, etc. Please notify the office of who oversees your condo and what their telephone number is.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Turn off the water at the main shutoff.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure you're air conditioner is working correctly and in good condition. Install a new air filter or clean your permanent air filter. Set the thermostat at 85 degrees. (This is the recommended setting by A/C contractors. You want to do whatever you can to avoid mold.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have your air conditioner condensation line blown out or flushed out by a professional. Algae and other debris can accumulate in this line, causing significant water damage to the unit. The condensation line can be cleared by any plumber and should be done periodically if your air conditioner is used a lot, but at least once per year. You should also check regularly to make sure that the condensation drain line is open.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have a humidistat (highly recommended by A/C contractors), set it at 60 percent.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure the stove is off.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure any food items that could rot or draw bugs are thrown away.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean your dishwasher thoroughly, paying attention to the edges of the door. Blot up any residual water in the bottom after you run your last load.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thoroughly clean all appliances. This means everything. Don't forget the toaster, blender, mixer, microwave oven, toaster oven, and range (including oven and broiler, as well as burners and drip pans). Any food particles or residue can attract pests.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove perishable food from the refrigerator.
<input type="checkbox"/>	There are two philosophies on what to do with the refrigerator. One is to leave it empty, unplugged, making sure the icemaker water supply is off, and prop the door open. The second idea is to turn the dial to the warmest temperature setting, turn off the ice maker and fill both the freezer and refrigerator with jugs of water. Some who use this method recommend placing a dish of either activated charcoal or baking soda inside to absorb odors. If you decide on this option, do not turn off the circuit breaker.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Cover all sinks, toilet bowl, toilet tanks, and shower drain with plastic (Seran) wrap. This prevents water from evaporating from the trap, allowing sewer gases into your home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not put bleach tablets in the toilet tank.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Turn off breakers for all circuits not needing power.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If leaving a car behind, prepare it for long-term storage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure the washing machine is fully drained so mold will not grow.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure all curtains and blinds are closed to prevent anyone from seeing inside and to keep out as much sun and heat as possible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unplug TVs, any small appliances, stereo, DVD player, computer, power strips, or anything with a "Sleep" mode.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Put a timer on at least one light to come on and off to make the home appear occupied. Ask whoever watches your condo to check the bulb and replace it if it burns out. Remember to leave the breaker for that outlet turned on.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pull the furniture away from the walls and pull out loose cushions on couches and chairs. This allows air circulation that will retard mold and mildew.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Open all closet doors and dresser drawers, so air circulates. Leave no clothes on wire hangers and none in garment bags unless you leave them unzipped. Rust stains and mildew are often permanent.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It is recommended to leave ceiling fans on at the lowest setting to promote air circulation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean all floor coverings and all surfaces to ensure that no food particles or stains attract bugs or cause mildew.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove batteries from remote controls, clocks, etc. Leave batteries next to the items from which they were removed. Upon your return, inspect the batteries for leaks before reinstalling them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bring a list of important phone numbers when you leave, such as the association office, utility companies, and neighbor's phone numbers.