

Vacation! Who takes care of your apartment?

Anyone planning a vacation trip certainly has to make traveling preparations in advance. Part of that planning includes making sure that everything to do with your apartment or home is taken care of properly while you are gone. There are a few things you need to take into consideration so that when you return home, your vacation isn't ruined by some nasty surprises. We have compiled a list of tips so this doesn't happen to you.

Make checklists for your housesitter/apartment sitter

Your apartment is your personal retreat, and you want to know that it's in the best hands possible while you are on vacation. Relatives, friends or even neighbors familiar with your living situation usually don't mind performing the usual tasks such as watering plants, airing your place out on a regular basis, emptying the mailbox and caring for pets. This is especially true if such friendship services are based on reciprocity. In any case, it is advisable to make a checklist in which you clearly state what you would like your housesitter or caretaker to do. This ensures that your housesitter or whoever is coming over on a regular basis to check your house can know for sure what you want done. For example, you can provide a watering schedule that indicates how often which plants need to be watered.