



# One Stop Shop News



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## Ensure Your Home is Safe During a Vacation

You deserve to take a vacation. But before you go, you should ensure that your home is safe. You should never assume your home is safe if you don't take some essential precautions to safeguard your property. You can do a lot to prepare for a vacation. One Stop Home Repair can help you prepare your home for an absence. Feel free to give us a call.

If you are planning on being away for a week or more, it is recommended that you plan on having someone you trust mow your lawn and bring in your mail. If you have pets, perhaps that same trusted friend can take care of them as well.

Timed lights or leaving a light on constantly can actually be a telltale sign to a would-be thief that no one is home. If you have cats, a motion sensor light can be a clever way to give a sense that someone is home. Your roaming cats will trigger a motion sensor that turns on a light. Cats sleep enough throughout the day and night, so your electricity bill will be about the same as you would normally pay if you were home. One Stop Home Repair can help you install motion sensors in places your cats can trigger. We can set it up so that when you are getting ready to leave all you need to do is flip a switch to activate them, and by having your cats turn lights on, you force people looking to break in, to think twice. Call One Stop Home Repair for an estimate, today.

Probably the most reliable way to keep your home safe is to install an alarm system. However, One Stop Home Repair recommends installing an ADT alarm system that calls the police in the event that a burglar does try to break in. An alarm system should be set up to trigger if an intruder attempts to get in through the window or a door.

Burglars aren't the only thing to be concerned about while you are away. Before you leave be sure your trusted friend knows to check your home often, especially to ensure nothing is frozen if you're going away during the cold months. When you turn the faucet on to find water doesn't come out, you likely have a frozen pipe. Leave your friend with our number to call in the event that such an emergency occurs. Also ensure the sump pump is keeping water out like it's supposed to. Be sure your friend is confident and knows that he can call us if anything is urgent or seems amiss. If the situation is an emergency One Stop Home Repair can be there, even after hours.

Another precaution you can take, especially if you plan on being away for a week or more is to hide valuables from plain sight. If your TV can be seen from a window, unplug it and store it in a hallway away from the window's line of sight. Nothing valuable should be visible from your windows.

If you aren't sure how to check your home before you go on vacation and want to ensure your home is safe while you are away, One Stop Home Repair is a phone call away, give us a call. We can stop by and help ensure peace of mind that your home will stay dry and free of damage. Don't forget, One Stop Home Repair can help you install a motion light sensor to your existing lights that your cats and activate to deter burglaries by fooling them into thinking someone is home. We are also here, if you want a sounding security alarm installed. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Call us today, 866-5690.



**Meet the Crew**  
Wayne Paschal

Bangor resident, Wayne Paschal joined our team in June 2016. He brings 25 years of experience to One Stop.

Wayne's experience was learned from "old timers" in the trades. His profound experience makes him a valuable member of our crew.

At One Stop Home Repair, he can primarily be found doing kitchen and bathroom remodels or repairs, as well as siding, structural repair and painting.

Wayne loves knowing that his completed work improves the lives of the people he works with.

Wayne has a water garden with a lot of nice landscaping. He enjoys working on that with his children and grandchildren.

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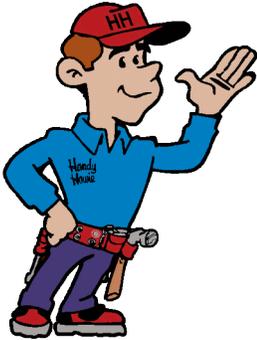


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### Photo of the Month



This composite deck and three-season sun room is coming along nicely.

### Ask Handy Howie

How should you prepare your home for a vacation?

1. Call USPS to have them hold your mail until you get back.
2. Make sure your lawn is mowed regularly.
3. To make your home seem occupied, on shorter trips leave a light on. On longer trips, consider timed lights or lights tied to a sensor.
4. Remove spare keys from your exterior hiding spots. (You can put them back after your vacation.)
5. If you're taking an extended vacation, especially during the colder months, consider having your waterlines professionally shut off and drained.

### Website News

New features unfortunately on hold.  
Sorry for any inconvenience.



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Heat Pumps Now Available



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