

# Homewatch Inspection

STEP BY STEP PROCESS OF A PROPER HOMEWATCH



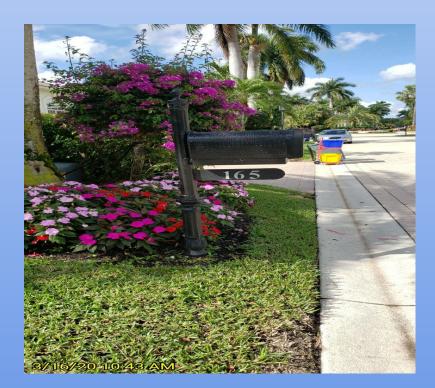
Once you arrive at the house, make sure you have everything you need before exiting your vehicle

- ★ Go over ALL homewatch notes and instructions. Notes can change AND/OR temporary instructions could have been added
- ★ The house key and the alarm code
- ★ Your flashlight
- ★ Your mobile device to perform the Homewatch
- ★ Wear booties/ take shoes off at ALL times inside a home

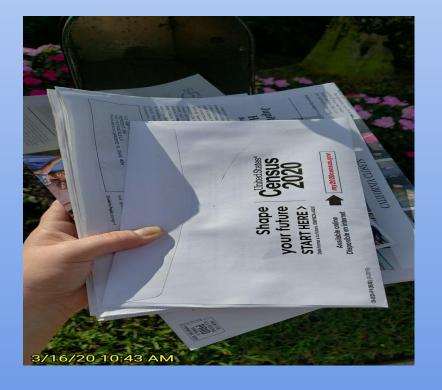
#### FIRST YOU CHECK THE MAIL

Depending on what the Homewatch instructions says, either

- ★ Put mail inside the house
- ★ Throw out junk mail
- ★ Or bring the mail back to the office to be forwarded



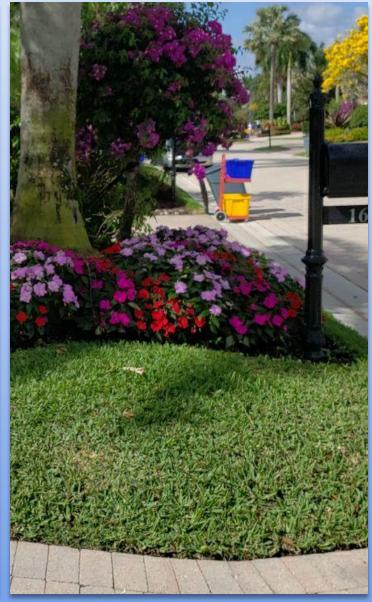
★ Take clear pictures of all mail laid out flat so we are able to read what it is



#### **LANDSCAPING**

Check and take pictures of all landscaping around the home, Make sure the grass and plants look like they are being watered and cared for correctly





#### **LANDSCAPING LIGHTS**

★ Take pictures and make sure all landscape lights are in the upright position and have not been damaged by the landscapers



#### **SOFFITS & PAVERS**

- ★ While walking the exterior of the property make sure you are looking up and down!
- ★ Check for broken soffits. Make sure the pavers do not have mold or mildew build up and that the pavers are not being uprooted by tree roots
- \* Notes areas of concerns for power washing recommendations

#### **Check soffits**



#### **Check pavers**



#### AIR CONDITIONING CONDENSER UNITS

★ Check all AC condenser units for noise, cool air blowing on top, or if any critters are trapped inside



## **GENERATOR**

★ If the home has a backup generator, visually check and take a picture, some generators have a green light indicating it is on and working take a picture of the green light



# **GATE LATCH**



Walk the entire exterior of the house and make sure all gates are latched properly

#### Latched!



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# **POOL EQUIPMENT**

 Take a picture of pool equipment, listen for any loud noise or leaks that may be present



# HOW DOES THE POOL LOOK?

- ★Check the water level in the pool, is it above the skimmer line?
- ★Report if there is debris in the pool
- ★Report if the pool does not seem like it is being maintained properly
- **★** Take a picture



#### **PATIO FURNITURE**

If furniture is outside. <u>Take pictures</u> of the placement of the furniture.

★ Check notes to see if the furniture should stay out or if we need handyman to help put away.

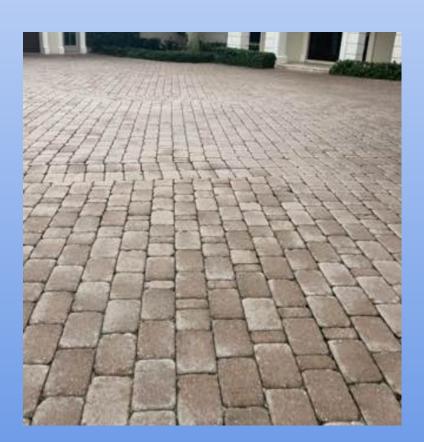
★ Check all outdoor kitchen appliances (when applicable), look under the grill, check mini fridge, run the sink





#### PRESSURE WASHING

- ★ Check driveways, patios, walkways, pavers, exterior of home, for any built up dirt, grime, mold, mildew, etc. that can be cleaned and taken care of by our pressuring washing crew
  - ★ Exception and recommended in the homewatch report



Example: "Pressure washing recommended for pavers due to algae stains"



#### MAIN WATER VALVE

- ★ The main water valve; Most clients prefer the water shut off to their home while they are away
- ★ Before entering the home make sure to locate the water main and turn it on, that way you are able to flush all toilets, and run faucets
- ★ At the end of each home watch turn the water value back to the off position and take a picture to indicate that the water has been turned off
- ★ ALL water mains should be marked with blue tape

#### **OFF POSITION**



#### **ON POSITION**



# DOOR HANGERS

★ If there are any door hangers on the front door, take a picture in the mail section on your homewatch report and let the client know, leave inside the home with the rest of the mail





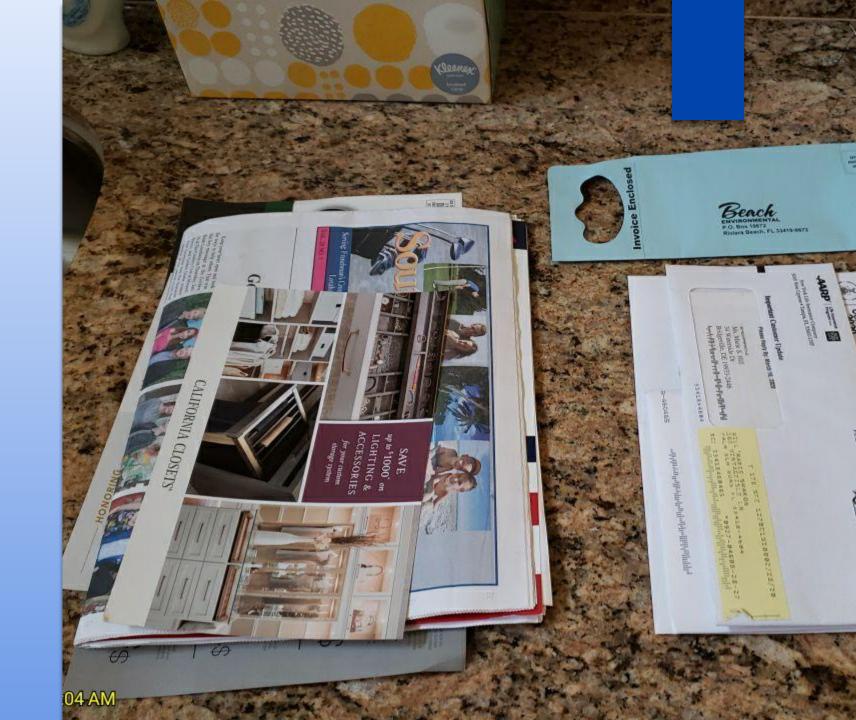
#### **ALARM**

When you unlock the door the first thing you do is turn off the alarm

- ★Make sure you have the correct alarm code with you
- ★Punch in the 4-digit code
- ★For some alarms punch the "OFF" button found on the "1" after entering the 4-digit code to turn the alarm off
- ★Make sure the green light pops up reading "READY" on the alarm to indicate all doors/sliders/windows are shut properly

## **MAIL**

★ Mail should be neatly placed on the counter if mail is staying at the house



### **THERMOSTATS**

- ★ Check and take a picture of <u>EACH</u> thermostat making sure they are cooling and are set to the correct temperature found in homewatch instructions
- ★ Take a picture of each and any air handlers for leaks





#### **RUNNING WATER**

★ Run all faucets, showers, tubs, around the entire house; especially the hot side



#### **CABINETS**

★ While running the water for all faucets, check ALL cabinets underneath for any leaks or water stains

### **TOILETS**

- **★** Flush ALL toilets
- ★ If a brush is excisable give the toilet bowl a quick scrub to avoid toilet rings



## **BEDROOMS & CLOSETS**

- ★ Check ALL bedrooms and closets to make sure there is no sign of water damage, pest activity, etc.
- ★ Take a picture of each room and closet





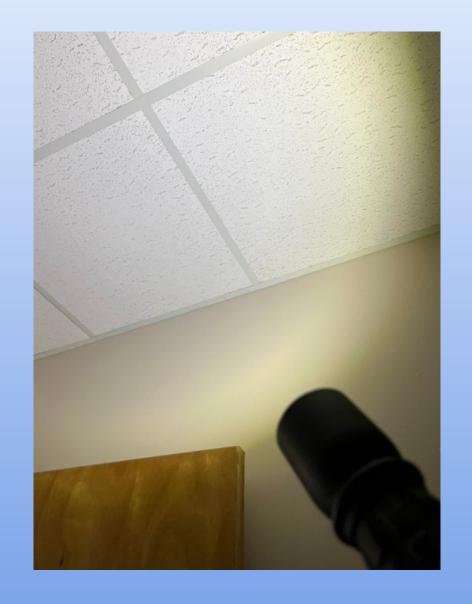


# CURTAINS & BASEBOARDS

- ★ Check and take pictures behind all curtains, and all baseboards, Make sure there is no water damage
- ★ Check for any pest activities

#### **CHECKING FOR LEAKS**

★ Use your flashlight to check for any roof leaks and water stains on the ceilings, walls, and baseboards around the ENTIRE house





# SLIDING GLASS DOORS

- ★ Make sure all sliding glass doors are locked and secure.
- ★ Do not walk through or open any of them



## FRIDGE & FREEZER

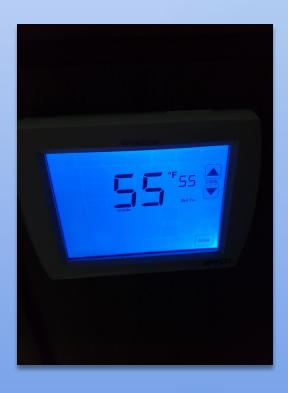
- ★ Check and take a picture to make sure the refrigerator and freezer and working properly
- \*If there are perishables in the fridge notate that in the homewatch report and ask if the homeowner would like these items removed

### **WINE COOLER**

★ Check and take a picture of all wine coolers, make sure they are set to the proper temperature and are cooling









# SHADES AND BLINDS

★ Make sure all shades and blinds are down to help protect rugs and furniture from fading in the sun

#### **WASHER & DRYER**

★ Depending on the Homewatch notes, washer and dryer could be unplugged and washing machine valves in the off position

#### Unplugged





#### In the off position



#### **Check the Golf Cart**

Depending on the Homewatch instructions,

- ★ Plug in golf cart
- ★ Make sure it is charging
- ★ Move the golf cart back and forth to indicate it is working
- ★ Check to make sure the batteries have water









### **CAR**

Depending on the Homewatch instructions,

★ car might be hooked up to a charger, make sure the green light is on to indicate it is charging and take a picture

★ Or start the car with a picture of the odometer and notate "Started

Car"



# Gas Water Heater

★ Make sure Gas Water Heater's are turned to "Vacation" or "LOW"



# Electric Water Heater

★ Electric water heater must be turned off at the breaker



# **Breaker Panel**

★ Take a picture and look for any tripped breakers





# RECIRCULATING PUMP

★ Make sure the Recirculating Pump is unplugged if there is one

## ARM ALARM TO AWAY

Once the Homewatch is completed, make sure to set the alarm on your way out

- Punch in your 4-digit code you used to unarm the alarm and hit the "AWAY" button found on "2"
- Make sure the red light pops up reading "ARMED" and quickly exit





# LAST STEP!

★ Make sure to always lock the door behind you