

Security Tips for The Village

This is just a gentle reminder that even our idyllic Village, within NOTL, is not exempt from theft and vandalism. Some recent events act as reminders to be aware and vigilant for ourselves and our guests.

Here are some suggestions:

We remind everyone (and your guests) to ensure that your vehicles are locked and never to leave valuables behind or at minimum visible. Keeping your vehicle in the garage is an added level of security.

- Do not keep valuable items in your vehicle, even if its locked.
- Lock up the good stuff that lives out doors. Bikes, BBQs, lawnmowers and anything else that can easily “walk away”.
- Keep all the doors of your house locked at all times – including the door between the house and the garage. Even if you are only going to be away for a few minutes.
- Even if you are in the back yard or patio - be sure your front door is locked.
- Keep your laneway lights on. We know the laneways are dark because we don't have street lights back there. Consider using with a timer to keep your garage and porch lights on all night. Or consider motion sensors to turn the light on with any movement. Thieves like it dark! Refer to the additional information below.
- How about a "Beware of Dog" sign?
- Never hide keys outside.
- Trim shrubs and bushes to eliminate hiding spots.
- Always change the locks when you move into a new home, or if your keys are lost or stolen.
- Consider a home security system with outdoor cameras. If Village residents wish to install security cameras there are several residential security system providers in the Niagara region who will do security evaluations and recommend and install these systems.

•Do you leave your Garage Door Opener in your car and park outside of the garage? Keep garage door openers in your home overnight if your car is parked outdoors. Don't leave the garage door opener in the car if you park outside the garage. If a thief breaks into your car - they then have your garage door opener! They can open your garage. Be sure your door from the garage to the house is always locked.

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- Leave all outside lights on, at least when you are home.

And PLEASE contact the authorities to report the incident. And let a member of the VCA know of the incident so we can track these.

Additional information

Lights for our Laneways

Most of our homes have lights on our garage. So do you turn the lights on every night and leave them on all night? That seems wasteful.

Here are a couple of suggestions. Energy efficient sensor light bulbs that turn on when it's dark and off in the daylight. Or lights on timers. Fortunately there are some easy solutions down the street at Penner Hardware. Consider these.



[ATRON Indoor/Outdoor Photocell Control Light Socket for CFL and LED Light Bulbs](#)

\$17.99



[PHILIPS 8.8W A19 Medium Base Soft White Dusk to Dawn Light Bulb](#)

\$16.99

We will need to continue to be vigilant in keeping our properties secure, and REPORT ANY AND ALL INCIDENTS TO THE AUTHORITIES.

Reporting an incident in NOTL
905-688-4111 x1022200

[Niagara Police Website](#)

In emergency always call 911.