

Neighbourhood Watch

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Protect your Presents!



The holidays are here but unfortunately that doesn't mean criminals are on vacation too! With holiday shopping in full swing, we must be just as vigilant as ever to make sure our presents get to our loved ones and NOT people who should be on Santa's naughty list!

Here's some tips to remember this holiday season:

- Hide your valuables and lock your cars! This should be a year round practice, but many of you will be out on the road a lot with presents in tow! Make sure your purchases are well hidden from view so as to not attract suspects to your vehicle.
- For online shoppers, make sure packages are not left outside unattended. Request a signature for the package, have the package delivered to a neighbour you trust and will be home, or have the package delivered to your work.
- When throwing out packaging from presents, try to keep the packaging hidden when you put it outside for garbage collection. We don't want to tempt criminals by revealing what valuables are now sitting in our homes!



Give Back to your Community this Holiday Season!



While we all want to get the best presents this holiday season, we should also try to give back as much as we can. Consider coordinating with your neighbours on ways to spread holiday cheer within your community! Here's a few ideas:

- Charity drives - everyone deserves to be warm and fed this holiday season. Reach out to your local church, shelter, or Ward Councillor to see what items are in demand so that your community can work on gathering them for donations.
- Shoveling teams - Uncleared driveways are both hazardous and a signal to criminals that a home is unattended to. Consider organizing shoveling teams to make sure your community continues to be safe and maintained (especially for seniors and anyone who might need help).
- Christmas Light Contest - Who doesn't like a good light show? Having a contest where you can showcase your homes is a great idea for a Neighbours Night Out (especially for the kids)!



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