

Things to Attend to Before Leaving for Your Deployment

- Arrange for someone to check on your apartment or house
- Arrange for the care of pets, if you have any
- Contact utilities (telephone, electricity, gas), student loan companies, credit card companies, your landlord, and any other people or organizations to which you make monthly payments, and find out if you can either prepay or arrange for automatic payments
- Place a hold on your newspaper subscriptions
- Have your mail held at the post office
- Dispose of any perishable foods in your refrigerator
- Turn off and/or unplug unnecessary electrical items such as fountains, stereos, and computers
- Leave on appropriate lighting while you're away
- Adjust your thermostat to an appropriate level for the season to conserve energy
- Be sure to take out trash before leaving