

NAPLES COMPUTERS HOW-TO · HURRICANE & SEASONAL

Leaving for the Summer? Your Snowbird Tech Checklist

Heading north for the summer? Your Southwest Florida home will sit through heat, humidity and hurricane season without you. This checklist covers what to unplug and what to leave on, battery backup for your internet, your smart thermostat, cameras and water-leak sensors, remote access, account alerts, backups, and who to call if something goes wrong.

What to **leave on**, what to **unplug**

- ☐ Modem & router
Your cameras, thermostat and sensors need the internet
- ☐ Smart thermostat
So you can check and adjust it from your phone
- ☐ Cameras & water-leak sensors
Your eyes and ears while you're gone
- ☐ Computers & monitors
Unplug from the wall, not just the power strip
- ☐ TVs, sound bars & game consoles
Nothing to gain by leaving them plugged in
- ☐ Printers & chargers
Fewer things to be hit by a power surge

Your before-you-leave checklist

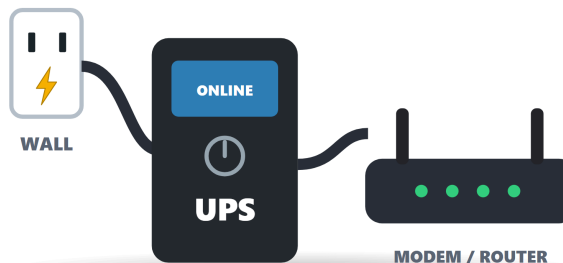
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Put your internet on a battery backup

Plug the modem and router (and any camera hub) into a UPS battery backup, so brief outages don't knock them offline.

WHAT TO DO

Test the UPS before you leave: its battery may be due. Most last 3 to 5 years. We carry APC, Tripp Lite and CyberPower.



Keeps Wi-Fi up through **short outages**

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Set the thermostat, then check it from your phone

Florida summers are humid. The EPA recommends keeping indoor humidity below 60% to help prevent mold.

WHAT TO DO

Ask your A/C company for the right away setting. Turn on the app's alerts for temperature and humidity.



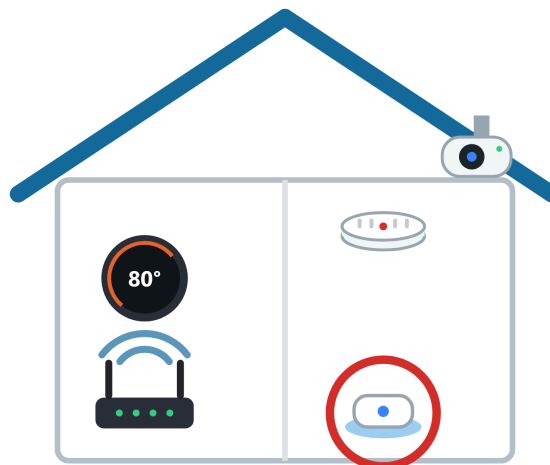
Remote access + **alerts**

4 Test cameras and leak sensors from away

Turn off Wi-Fi on your phone and open the camera app over cellular: that's how it will work up north. Put leak sensors by the water heater, washer, sinks and A/C air handler.

WHAT TO DO

Trigger a test alert so you know the notifications reach your phone.



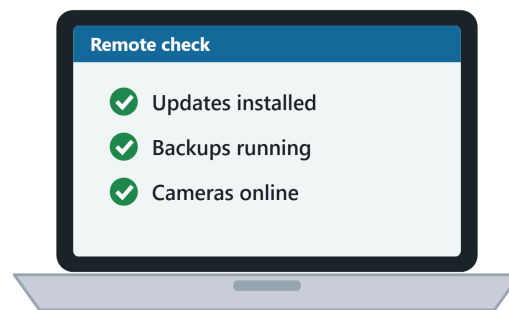
Cameras + water-leak sensors

5 Set up remote access before you go

Need files from your home computer while you're away? Have remote access set up and tested before you leave.

WHAT TO DO

We can do remote check-ins while you're away. We never cold-call to start a remote session.



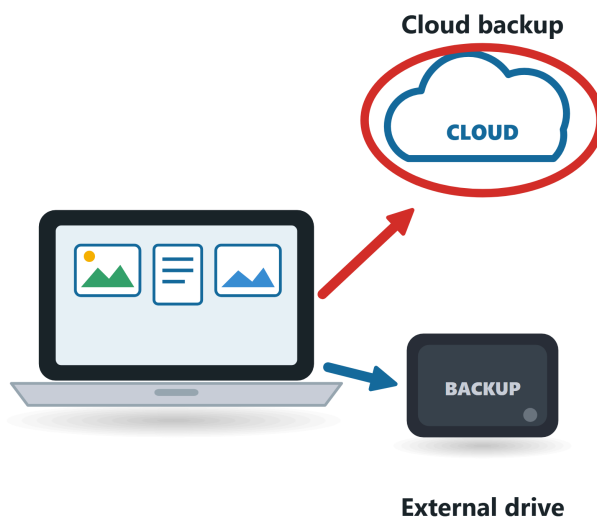
Tested before you leave

7 Back up before you leave

Run a fresh backup to your external drive and make sure your cloud backup is working.

WHAT TO DO

Take the backup drive with you, or seal it in a waterproof bag up high.



External drive + cloud

HURRICANE SEASON

! You'll be gone during hurricane season

Hurricane season runs June 1 to November 30. Unplug what you can, and raise computers and power strips off the floor.

WHAT TO DO

Watch our Hurricane Prep for Your Tech video for the full checklist.



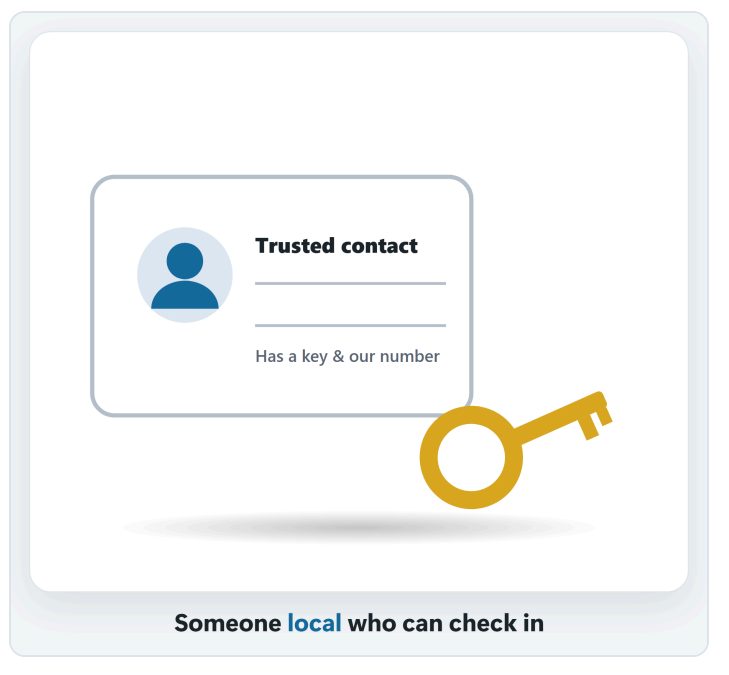
June 1 – November 30

8 Leave a key with someone you trust

A neighbor, friend or property manager who can check on things after a storm, and restart the modem and router if the cameras go offline.

WHAT TO DO

Give them our number too, and let us know they're authorized to call.



Step 6: alerts, sign-ins & mail

- ☐ Turn on bank & card alerts
A text or app alert for every charge
- ☐ Check your two-factor phone number
Make sure codes go to the phone you're taking
- ☐ Go paperless, or forward your mail
USPS offers temporary mail forwarding
- ☐ Careful on hotel & public Wi-Fi
Stick to your phone's hotspot for banking

Recap: before you head north

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| ☐ Unplug computers, TVs & printers | ☐ Test cameras & leak sensors on cellular |
| ☐ Modem & router on a UPS | ☐ Back up; set up alerts & remote access |
| ☐ Thermostat & humidity alerts | ☐ A trusted contact with a key |

Back in the fall? Watch our companion video, **Back for the Season? Your Snowbird Tech Checklist**. We can set up remote access, cameras and leak sensors before you go, and do remote check-ins while you're away.



Want us to set up remote access, cameras or check-ins before you go?

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