

Closing Your Condo for the Season:

In the summer heat and humidity in closed units can be very damaging. Heavy rains may force water into the unit and can ruin any items left on the floor. Even in sealed containers, bugs may infest cereals, flours, pasta, rice, etc. Elastic in clothing and rubber-backed items disintegrate. A number of ladies shared their list of hints to help you preserve your unit.

- A. Plastic wrap and salt & pepper shakers, etc., Spices, tea, etc. into airtight containers
Bathing suits, underwear, items with elastic in plastic bag and in frig
Face creams in face
Spices in fridge, flour in the freezer
Do not leave any perishables in either the fridge or freezer
Do not leave any food, cereals, flour, etc., in cupboards
Take the trash out
- B. Cushions into plastic bags
Cover furniture, beds, washer/dryer with plastic drop clothes; Cover lamps with plastic bags
Move furniture a few inches from walls and windows
Cover computer with blanket and put plastic bag over it, but don't seal bag
Remove pictures from walls
Drape cotton sheet over the shoulders of clothes in closet
Remove bed skirts; Roll up rugs and pick up off floor
Be careful in covering washer/dryer and barbeques with anything that holds condensation; loosely cover to minimize rusting
- C. Cover A/C condensers
Leave bathroom louvers open just a little
Efferdent in toilet and tank
Wedge interior doors open
Bring all patio furniture into living room
Bring Bar fridge into living room—leave plugged in, on power bar, on low
Turn main fridge on low-- leave plugged in, on power bar, on low
Put blocks under furniture
Leave Star Choice/TV receiver (or Dish/TV receiver) plugged in—on power bar
Remove paddles from deck fans
- D. Wood dowels in windows and patio doors and lock
Water bags/sand bags (double bagged) over shower drains
Close sink drains and tape overflows (golf ball in sink drain)
Put tile or weight over toilet bowl
Shut off power—unplug everything except TV and fridges on power bars
Shut off water (outside front door); Turn hot water tank down & shut off breaker to tank
Pull blinds down and close curtains
Put sand snakes into place on patio, bodega and front doors
Remove patio doors screens and bring indoors