How to prepare for Winter Break

Follow these tips before leaving for the holidays:

- Save money on heat, but leave it on! Set your heat to the lowest setting your landlord allows (check your lease). Advise all roommates who will be leaving not to touch the thermostat once it is lowered.

- If you will be gone for an extended break, consider having the post office hold your mail.

- Do not pack your car the night before you leave.

- Make sure all windows and doors are closed and locked.

- Keep valuables like computers, electronic devices, or jewelry out of view.

- Keep a master list and/or photos of larger, valuable items, including the make, model, and serial numbers.

- Unplug the television, computer, toaster oven, and other appliances to protect them from power surges, but keep your refrigerator plugged in.

- If possible, keep a light or lamp on in your residence.

- Remove any perishable food items, and take out your trash and recycling.

- Ask a trusting friend or neighbor to monitor your residence.

- Take all medications, contact lenses, and important documents with you.

- If you have a pet, take it with you or board it. If you leave it with a friend, get a signed contract for care to ensure you get your pet back and that it is cared for properly.

- Do not leave your car or other vehicle parked on the street during break. It will be towed, and you will be charged for the tow and daily storage fees.

- For those living in a house off-campus, you can request that the Normal Police Department stop by and check on your residence by calling their non-emergency number at (309) 888-5030.
When the forecast calls for snow...

Pay close attention to parking bans so you do not receive a parking ticket.
Refer to the Town of Normal website at normalil.gov for additional information.

Have questions? Contact us:

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