

Welcome to the SeaComm Federal Credit Union podcast. Your guide to financial information and what's going on at your credit union!

Getting ready to head south or west for the winter?

Whether you're heading out for the entire winter or just leaving town for a few weeks, here are a few suggestions to make life easier for you and to help keep your property safe.

First of all, let us know you're leaving and how long you'll be gone. If we don't know you're travelling and unusual transactions show up on your SeaComm debit or credit card account, they may be blocked as a security precaution. Also, remember that SeaComm belongs to the CO-OP network so you can access your accounts at credit unions and ATMs throughout the country. Download the CO-OP locator app from the Google Play store or the Apple store. You can also find CO-OP network locations on this webpage under resources and CO-OP Shared Branching.

Here are some other things you should do before you leave:

- Double-check. Make sure you lock all your doors and windows.
- Leave an outside motion detector light on.
- Unplug small appliances and electronics (including computers) to prevent fire hazards and to save on electricity.
- Halt deliveries and mail or have someone you trust pick it up. Stacked mail is a sign no one is home.
- You may want to consider draining your water pipes to prevent freezing or have someone check on your home regularly to make sure the heating system is working.
- Store outdoor furniture and window AC units.
- Make arrangements for snow removal if you will be gone for an extended time. Piled up snow signals to burglars that no one is home.
- Fill out a home inventory form and take photos of your high-value items. If the worst happens and you need to file an insurance claim, all the information that you need will be in easy reach.
- Don't hide a spare key nearby. Crooks look for keys in obvious places. Give a set of keys, along with your contact information, to a friend or family member who can keep an eye on your house for you.

Enjoy your winter and remember with debit and credit cards and shared branching, SeaComm is with you every step of the way.

That's it for this edition of the SeaComm Federal Credit Union podcast! Thanks for joining us.