



# COMPREHENSIVE CABIN CLOSING CHECKLIST

## Kitchen

- Remove perishable food and garbage
- Store grains and seeds in metal containers with screw-on lids
- Store your dry food in a tin or aluminum-lined cupboard
- Clean out the fridge and freezer and leave doors slightly ajar
- Wash containers and put away soap and sponges
- Remove bottled liquids
- Spray insecticide
- Place insect traps under the sink and on kitchen counters

## Plumbing & Electricity

- Pull out the water line from the lake
- Cover toilet bowl with saran wrap
- Pour antifreeze or kerosene down sinks and toilets
- Follow the manufacturer's directions for electric dishwashers and washing machines
- Shut off power at the main switch and unplug electrical devices if you don't have an alarm in place
- Leave on the thermostat if you keep the electricity on
- Have a humidistat installed in damp weather
- Turn off gas hot-water heaters completely

## General

- Use high-quality locks
- Stop your mail deliveries
- Leave nothing outdoors
- Wash and store bedding and towels in a tight or rodent-proof box like your meat lug
- Cover any furniture that you are leaving behind with dust covers
- Use mothballs and mouse traps throughout the perimeter
- Check all windows and doors for gaps or cracks and seal them with weatherstripping or caulk
- Store all outdoor equipment in a secure and dry location
- Store your firewood in a sturdy box
- Take photos or videos of your cabin's interior and exterior
- Do a final walk-through of your cabin to ensure that everything is properly secured and stored

**Lock up your cabin and enjoy peace of mind knowing that it's properly closed for the winter season.**