

WINTER PREP...

FOR YOUR BEACH HUT



Winter's on its way, and following summer storms and tidal lashings on Hove promenade we thought now was a good time to think about how to protect your 'property on the prom', not only against the 'good' old British weather, but against fire, vandalism and other perils too.

We share our **Top 7 Beach Hut Tips** for maintaining your property on the prom over the coming months until spring reappears:

1. **Wind and rain** are destructive - check roof coverings are properly fixed and impermeable. Check that doors are shut properly to prevent warping, water and intruder ingress;
2. **Secure** your beach hut with heavy weather-proof padlocks and bolts making sure that they are *fit for purpose* and of good quality. Do not leave keys or valuables inside your beach hut;
3. **Preserve** your padlocks - spray them with a lubricant to prevent rusting. Wipe with petroleum jelly, wrap with cling film and then tie a plastic bag tight around the padlock;
4. **Avoid fire risk** - make sure that debris such as driftwood or litter is removed from under/around your hut. Keep your beach hut in good repair;
5. **Prevent damp and mildew** - remove fabric items from your hut eg awnings. A desiccant water trap, placed in the middle of your beach hut, will catch any moisture. Ventilate your hut without compromising security.
6. **Prevent unwanted visitors, eg rodents** - make sure no foodstuffs are left lying around.
7. **Check, check, check** your beach hut regularly or ask a friendly beach hut neighbour to keep an eye on it.

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