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OFF-GRID HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

Layer it: property line first, buildings second, detection third. Make your place the one that looks like too much trouble.

THE PROPERTY LINE

- [ ] **Gate closed and locked**
  Case-hardened chain + quality padlock; stops the vehicle, not just the visitor
- [ ] **Driveway alarm at the entrance**
  Solar/battery sensor that chimes in the house
- [ ] **Sightlines cleared**
  Brush and low branches cut along the drive and around buildings
- [ ] **Approach visible from a main window**
- [ ] **Nothing advertised from the road**
  No equipment, deliveries, or fuel in view of passersby

HOUSE & OUTBUILDINGS

- [ ] **Solid-core or metal exterior doors**
- [ ] **Deadbolts + reinforced strike plates**
  3-inch screws into the framing
- [ ] **Every window locks, including outbuildings**
- [ ] **Sheds and barn get real locks**
  That's where the resale value sits
- [ ] **Motion floodlights on house + outbuildings**
  LED fixtures run fine on modest solar
- [ ] **Fuel tanks locked, visible from the house**
- [ ] **Keys pulled from every parked machine**

You are the first responder. Out here, help is measured in miles, not minutes. Every layer buys time and takes away the easy version of the crime.

MARK IT & RECORD IT

- [ ] **ID number engraved on tools + equipment**
  Marked gear is harder to sell, easier to recover
- [ ] **Photos of everything valuable**
- [ ] **Written inventory kept current**

DETECTION WHILE AWAY

- [ ] **Solar/cellular camera on the gate**
  Sends a photo the moment something moves
- [ ] **Second camera on the main buildings**
- [ ] **Camera batteries checked on a schedule**
- [ ] **Dog on the property**
  Still one of the best alarm systems ever fielded

THE NEIGHBOR LAYER

- [ ] **Watch trade with nearest neighbors**
  They know your vehicles, you know theirs
- [ ] **Neighbors told when you'll be gone**
- [ ] **Plates + descriptions written down**
  Anything out of place, note it with date and time
- [ ] **Routines varied**
  Nobody should set a clock by your absences
- [ ] **Every theft reported, no matter how small**

Full guide: tacticalbox.com/blogs/tacticalbox-blog/home-security-basics-off-grid-properties

Sources: FBI UCR Summary of Reported Crimes in the Nation 2024; Utah State University Extension, "Reduce Your Risk of Farm Theft."