RV Arrival Checklist

A step-by-step routine for setting up at a campsite — leveling, chocking, hooking up power, water and waste, extending slide-outs and stabilizing.

Position & Survey the Site

- [ ] Check the site for low branches, slopes and obstacles
- [ ] Confirm the hookup locations for power, water and sewer
- [ ] Spot the rig so doors, slides and awning have clearance
- [ ] Note the most level area to park
- [ ] Have a spotter guide you into position

Level & Chock

- [ ] Check level side to side and add leveling blocks as needed
- [ ] Level front to back using jacks or the tongue jack
- [ ] Confirm the rig is level before extending slides
- [ ] Place wheel chocks snugly on both sides
  Chock before unhitching so the rig cannot roll
- [ ] Unhitch the trailer if towable

Stabilize

- [ ] Lower stabilizer jacks until firm, not lifting
- [ ] Use jack pads on soft or uneven ground
- [ ] Confirm the rig feels solid with no rocking
- [ ] Set the parking brake on a motorhome
- [ ] Recheck chocks after stabilizing

Connect Hookups

- [ ] Turn off the pedestal breaker, then plug in via a surge protector
- [ ] Switch the breaker on and confirm correct voltage and polarity
- [ ] Connect the fresh water hose with a pressure regulator
- [ ] Attach the sewer hose to the dump connection with gloves
- [ ] Open the gray valve only, keeping black closed until full
- [ ] Turn on propane if needed for appliances

Extend & Open Up

- [ ] Extend slide-outs once the rig is level and stable
- [ ] Confirm slides are fully out and seals seated
- [ ] Deploy the awning and secure it against wind
- [ ] Lower the entry steps
- [ ] Raise the TV antenna or set up the satellite dish

Final Setup Checks

- [ ] Turn on the refrigerator and confirm it is cooling
- [ ] Check water flows and the water heater works
- [ ] Confirm lights, outlets and air conditioning work
- [ ] Test the carbon monoxide and propane detectors
- [ ] Set up outdoor mats, chairs and the campsite