

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