RV Camping Checklist

A complete RV camping checklist covering departure prep, hookups and setup, kitchen and living supplies, and breaking camp.

Pre-Departure Prep

- [ ] Check tire pressure on the RV and tow vehicle
- [ ] Inspect the hitch, brakes, and safety chains
- [ ] Fill the fresh water tank and empty waste tanks
- [ ] Top off fuel and propane
- [ ] Test running lights, brake lights, and turn signals
- [ ] Check the weather and road conditions for your route
  Watch for low clearances and weight-restricted roads.
- [ ] Plan stops and confirm your campsite reservation

Hookup and Electrical Gear

- [ ] Surge protector and shore power cord
- [ ] Electrical adapters (30/50 amp)
- [ ] Drinking-water-safe hose and a backup
- [ ] Water pressure regulator and inline filter
- [ ] Sewer hose, fittings, and disposable gloves
- [ ] Tank treatment chemicals

Leveling and Setup

- [ ] Leveling blocks and a bubble level
- [ ] Wheel chocks
- [ ] Stabilizer jack pads
- [ ] Awning and outdoor mat
- [ ] Camp chairs and an outdoor table
- [ ] Position and level the rig, then connect power, water, and sewer in order

Kitchen and Galley

- [ ] Pots, pans, and cooking utensils
- [ ] Plates, bowls, cups, and cutlery
- [ ] Coffee maker and a kettle
- [ ] Food, snacks, and drinks for the trip
- [ ] Dish soap, sponge, and dish towels
- [ ] Trash bags and storage containers
- [ ] Secure cabinets and the fridge before driving

Living and Comfort

- [ ] Bedding, pillows, and blankets

- [ ] Towels and toiletries
- [ ] Weather-appropriate clothing and shoes
- [ ] First-aid kit and medications
- [ ] Fans or a portable heater for comfort
- [ ] Entertainment: books, games, downloaded shows

Tools and Safety

- [ ] Basic tool kit and duct tape
- [ ] Flashlight, headlamp, and spare batteries
- [ ] Fire extinguisher and smoke and CO detectors
- [ ] Roadside emergency kit and warning triangles
- [ ] Spare fuses, bulbs, and a tire repair kit
- [ ] Work gloves and a small broom

Breaking Camp

- [ ] Empty and flush the waste tanks
- [ ] Disconnect and stow all hookups
- [ ] Retract the awning, slides, and stabilizers
- [ ] Secure loose items and latch cabinets
- [ ] Raise the steps and chock-free the wheels
- [ ] Do a final walk-around before pulling out
  Confirm hookups are stowed and the hitch is locked.