

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.