

RV Checklist

A complete overview for RV owners covering systems, supplies, safety and pre-trip basics for motorhomes and towable trailers.

RV Systems to Know

- ☐ Fresh water tank, pump and city water connection
- ☐ Gray and black water tanks and dump valves
- ☐ 12V battery system and shore-power hookup
- ☐ Propane system for furnace, stove and fridge
- ☐ Slide-outs, leveling and stabilizer jacks
- ☐ Chassis, tires and braking system

Essential Supplies

- ☐ Leveling blocks and wheel chocks
- ☐ Drinking-water-safe fresh hose and a sewer hose kit
- ☐ Electrical adapter and surge protector
- ☐ Disposable gloves and tank treatment chemicals
- ☐ Basic toolkit, duct tape and spare fuses
- ☐ Kitchen basics, bedding and camp chairs

Safety Equipment

- ☐ Test smoke, carbon monoxide and propane detectors
Replace batteries and check expiry dates
- ☐ Keep fire extinguishers charged and accessible
- ☐ Stock a well-supplied first aid kit
- ☐ Carry road safety triangles or flares
- ☐ Know your RV's height, length and weight limits
- ☐ Carry a tire pressure gauge and basic emergency kit

Pre-Trip Basics

- ☐ Check tire pressure and inspect for wear or damage
- ☐ Confirm fluids, brakes and engine are road-ready
- ☐ Secure all interior items and close cabinets
- ☐ Retract slides, steps, antenna and awning
- ☐ Disconnect or secure water, power and waste hookups
- ☐ Do a full walk-around and test running lights

Setup at Camp

- ☐ Level the RV and place wheel chocks
- ☐ Connect to shore power through a surge protector
- ☐ Hook up fresh water and waste as needed
- ☐ Extend slide-outs and stabilizer jacks
- ☐ Turn on propane appliances and confirm they work

Routine Maintenance

- ☐ Inspect roof seals and seams for leaks

- ☐ Service the chassis, brakes and wheel bearings
- ☐ Sanitize the fresh water system periodically
- ☐ Check and clean the air conditioner and furnace
- ☐ Test batteries and keep them charged in storage