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