

# RV Departure Checklist

A step-by-step routine for breaking camp and leaving safely — disconnecting hookups, securing the interior, retracting, hitching and a final walk-around.

## Inside Prep

- ☐ Wash up and stow loose dishes and items
- ☐ Latch the refrigerator and freezer doors
- ☐ Close and secure all cabinets and drawers
- ☐ Secure heavy or fragile items so they cannot shift
- ☐ Close roof vents and windows
- ☐ Turn off interior fans, lights and water pump as needed

## Dump & Disconnect Hookups

- ☐ Empty and flush the black tank, then the gray tank
- ☐ Disconnect, rinse and stow the sewer hose with gloves
- ☐ Disconnect and drain the fresh water hose
- ☐ Switch off and unplug shore power last
  - Keep power while you work, then disconnect at the end
- ☐ Coil and store all cords and hoses securely
- ☐ Turn off propane at the tank if required for travel

## Retract & Stow Outside

- ☐ Retract the awning and lock it for travel
- ☐ Bring in all slide-outs and confirm they are seated
- ☐ Raise stabilizer jacks and leveling jacks
- ☐ Retract the entry steps
- ☐ Lower and stow the TV antenna and satellite dish
- ☐ Collect chocks, leveling blocks and outdoor gear

## Hitch & Tow Setup

- ☐ Couple the trailer and lock the hitch
- ☐ Cross and connect the safety chains
- ☐ Attach the breakaway cable and the wiring harness
- ☐ Raise and stow the tongue jack or landing gear
- ☐ Set the weight distribution and sway control if used
- ☐ Confirm the tow vehicle is in tow mode if equipped

## Final Walk-Around

- ☐ Walk the whole rig to confirm everything is retracted
- ☐ Check all hookups are disconnected and stored
- ☐ Verify the hitch, chains and breakaway are secured
- ☐ Test running, brake and turn signal lights
- ☐ Check tire pressure and look for any leaks or damage
- ☐ Confirm the site is clean and nothing is left behind

## **Before Pulling Out**

- ☐ Adjust mirrors and cameras for the loaded rig
- ☐ Check fuel level and plan stops
- ☐ Confirm everyone is buckled and pets are secured
- ☐ Release the parking brake and chocks last
- ☐ Do a slow first roll to feel for anything dragging