

THINGS TO DO

DE-WINTERIZING RV
FOR SPRING:

A CHECKLIST FOR
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When you “de-winterize” your RV, you essentially reverse the “winterize” steps and prepare the RV for another great camping season.

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CAUTION

WATER HEATER:

- Empty and flush water heater if you didn't bypass it when winterizing.
- Make sure water heater tank is full of water before testing water heater.

BATTERIES:

- Wear safety glasses and disposable gloves when handling batteries.
- Make sure positive and negative wires are clearly marked.
- If you replace batteries, always replace multiple battery packs together - Never add a new battery to an old one.
- Water should only be added to lead-acid batteries after they are fully charged.

ELECTRICITY:

- Make sure you have an adequate electrical source (30-50 amps depending on your unit) before testing items like the microwave and roof air conditioners.

YOU'LL NEED

- RV Wash & Wax
- Caulking
- Caulking Gun
- Safety Glasses
- Disposable Gloves
- Baking Soda
- Distilled Water
- Tire Pressure Gauge
- Air Compressor
- Window Cleaner
- Multi-Surface Cleaner
- Bathroom Cleaner
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Vacuum
- Broom
- Dustpan
- Garbage Bags

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- Wash RV exterior to remove dust and debris that collected during winter storage.
- Check exterior caulking around windows, doors, roof vents and other seams for cracks or damage and repair if necessary.
- Make sure awning, external electronics, and external showers and sinks are operational.
- Make sure lights and signals are operational.
- Disconnect shore power, turn OFF all RV power, and make sure main cutoff is in OFF position.
- Make sure all battery connections are clean. If terminals are corroded, use hot water and baking soda to clean them up.
- Check for any cracks in batteries and replace them if necessary.
- Charge batteries.
- Check battery fluid levels and add distilled water as needed.
- Check each tire, including spare, for cracks on side wall and treads. Inflate them to proper tire pressure. (This is one of the most important steps in de-winterizing your RV.)
- Give the interior a thorough cleaning. You'll probably find spider webs, dust and other debris. Look for evidence of rodents. Clean out every corner, including refrigerator compartment drawers.
- Air out RV and look for signs of damage, including discolored paneling or ceilings, which could be signs of water leaks.
- Drain and sanitize fresh water system.
- Reinstall and/or replace water filters and dry-cell batteries in devices like smoke alarms and clocks.
- Empty grey tank and black tank when you have access to a suitable waste disposal site.
- Open LP gas valve at cylinders or tank and check operation of all LP gas fired appliances.
- Plug unit into electricity and test all 120-volt appliances and accessories for proper operation.