

THINGS TO DO

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If you use water from your fresh water tank for any purpose, you should sanitize the water system every six months. This checklist will help you during the sanitizing process.

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CAUTION

FREQUENCY:

- Before you use water for the first time and twice a year thereafter.

PLANNING:

- Pump bleach water solution into RV for sanitizing prior to driving it to a camp with water hookups, preferably on a road with hills and curves to splash solution around.
- Purchase permanent water pump converter winterizing kit and permanent water heater bypass kit if not already installed.

YOU'LL NEED

- Bleach
- White Vinegar
- Bucket
- Measuring Cup
- Permanent Water Pump Converter Winterizing Kit (if not already installed)
- Permanent Water Heater Bypass Kit (if not already installed)

CHECKLIST

- Bypass water filter under kitchen sink by turning two valves leading to water filter to OFF position.
- Turn OFF ice maker if you have one.
- Drain fresh water tank to about half its capacity.
- Bypass water heater by turning the two valves that lead to water heater to OFF position.

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- Add 1/2 cup of bleach to one gallon of fresh water in bucket.
- Disconnect from city water.
- Turn fresh water tank fill to ON position.
- Flip both valves on winterizing kit, which will open intake tube.
- Place end of intake tube into bucket filled with bleach water solution.
- Turn water pump ON. When bucket is empty, turn water pump OFF.
- Add another gallon of fresh water to clean out winterizing kit tube.
- Turn winterizing kit OFF and reattach to city water.
- Fill fresh water tank completely full of fresh water. (Watch overflow valve.)
- Turn OFF city water and switch fresh water tank fill valve to OFF position.
- Turn water pump ON.
- Turn on all faucets, cold water followed by hot water, until you smell bleach from both hot and cold water at each location, including sinks, shower, and any outdoor faucets and showers.
- Turn water pump OFF.
- Take a long twisty drive to splash the water around. Keep bleach in water system 4-8 hours.
- Open low point drain to drain tank.
- Turn fresh water tank fill valve to ON position and completely refill tank with fresh water.
- Turn city water OFF and turn water pump ON.
- Turn on each faucet until you can't smell bleach.
- If bleach smell persists, flush system with a vinegar solution of one-quart vinegar to five gallons of water and repeat the previous steps starting with draining tank.
- Reset water filter bypass and water heater bypass.