

THINGS TO DO

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A CHECKLIST FOR

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When camping season comes to an end, and full-time RVers decide to take a break from the RV lifestyle, it's time to ensure that an RV is properly prepared for storage.

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CAUTION

LONG-TERM STORAGE:

- Remove batteries and store them where they won't freeze.
- If not plugged into electricity, turn OFF main breaker in distribution panel.
- If RV has a generator, exercise it for at least two hours EVERY MONTH with a minimum of a ½ rated load on it. Consult your generator's manual for load ratings.
- Park so each tire sits on a piece of treated wood. No portion of tire should hang over the edge of wood.

LOCATION:

- Try to store RV under a covered area and on a solid surface like pavement or concrete. If this isn't possible, avoid parking under trees and in tall grass, fields or wooded areas.

YOU'LL NEED

- RV Wash & Wax
- Safety Glasses
- Disposable Gloves
- Baking Soda
- Distilled Water
- Spray Lubricant
- Caulk & Other Sealants
- Window Cleaner
- Multi-Surface Cleaner
- Winterizing Supplies (if needed)
- Bathroom Cleaner
- Paper Towels
- Vacuum
- Broom
- Dustpan
- Garbage Bags
- RV Cover
- Tire Covers
- Made-to-fit Screening for Openings (i.e., RV Furnace Insect Screen)

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- Wash RV exterior (tires included) and clean interior.
- Defrost and clean refrigerator, put baking soda in compartments, and leave doors cracked.
- Remove all dry-cell batteries from devices like smoke alarms and clocks.
- Remove all consumables that would attract mice and other rodents.
- Turn LP gas OFF.
- Clean awning fabric and make sure it's dry prior to storage.
- Lubricate slide-out mechanisms, and all locks and hinges.
- Retract slide-outs.
- Clean air conditioner filters.
- Charge all batteries and keep them charged during storage.
- Check and fill water levels in all lead-acid batteries. (Charge first.)
- Change engine and generator oil and oil filter.
- Fill fuel tank and add fuel stabilizer. Run engine and generator long enough for stabilizer to get through fuel system.
- Unload your vehicle so that minimum weight is on the tires.
- Inflate your tires to recommended operation pressure plus 25%, but don't exceed the rim manufacturer's inflation capacity.
- Cover RV and tires with breathable covers - NOT a plastic tarp.
- CLOSE daytime window blinds (not blackout shades) to avoid sun exposure to carpet, drapes and upholstery.
- Leave internal doors, drawers and cabinets OPEN.
- For trailers, chock wheels, front and rear.
- Winterize water system if RV will be in storage during cold weather.