

THINGS TO DO

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A CHECKLIST FOR

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Winterizing is not a step that you want to skip if you're storing your RV in cold weather. Taking shortcuts can leave you with big problems, like water damage and broken pipes. This checklist will help you during the winterizing process.

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CAUTION

OWNER'S MANUAL:

- Read your owner's manual for winterizing methods specific to your RV.

APPLIANCES:

- For winterizing an ice maker, dishwasher and washing machine, see the appliance manuals or contact the RV service center.

PLANNING:

- Turn OFF power to water heater the night before you drain it.
- Purchase permanent water pump converter winterizing kit and permanent water heater bypass kit if not already installed.

YOU'LL NEED

- Owner's Manual
- Appliance Manuals
- Antifreeze (3-5 gallons)
- Permanent Water Pump Converter Winterizing Kit (if not already installed)
- Permanent Water Heater Bypass Kit (if not already installed)

CHECKLIST

- Drain and flush grey tank and black tank.
- Turn OFF power to water heater night before you drain it.
- Turn OFF city water and make sure your water pump is OFF.
- Open relief valve on top of water heater to expel any pressure in hot water tank.
- Pull out hot water tank drain plug or anode rod (depending on type of water heater) located on bottom of water heater and leave open until all water drains out.
- Close relief valve and reinsert hot water tank drain plug or anode rod.

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- Install a permanent water pump converter winterizing kit. (You'll only have to do this one time.)
- CLOSE hot and cold lines going into and out of water heater and OPEN bypass.
- OPEN fresh water tank valve/cap (low point) to drain water from pipes.
- Bypass water filter under kitchen sink by turning two valves leading to water filter to OFF position.
- Turn on water pump, then open each of the water taps for about 15 seconds each, and flush toilet to drain any remaining water from system.
- Close all faucets and fresh water tank valve and turn OFF water pump.
- Place pump converter winterizing kit hose into a jug of antifreeze and turn ON water pump.
- Open one faucet at a time, starting from highest and working to lowest point in fresh water system, usually beginning with kitchen faucet.
- Open HOT side of kitchen faucet ONLY. Wait until the flow from faucet becomes very pink like the antifreeze. Close the faucet. Repeat on COLD side of kitchen faucet.
- Continue to next lower fixture, usually bathroom sink, then shower and toilet, outdoor shower and/or sink, and finally low point water tank valve/cap.
- Press button located next to city water inlet with your finger until you see antifreeze.
- Pour at least two pints of antifreeze into all sink and shower drains and toilet.
- Open drain plug or anode on water heater and leave it open.
- Leave antifreeze in lines until spring. Do not drain.