

STORING YOUR RV

Storing

- For motorhomes, it's essential to fill the gas tank to avoid moisture accumulation. Additionally, ensure that all fluid levels under the hood are topped off.
- Drain and flush all holding tanks, including:
 - Fresh water
 - Gray water
 - Black water
 - Hot water tanks
- Drain all water lines by utilizing compressed air or, at the very least, by using the low-point drain lines.

Note: If you are storing for the winter, be sure to follow the winterizing steps below.

- Close the LP gas tank valve(s). If your LP tanks don't already have a cover, consider purchasing at least a vinyl LP tank cover
- Disconnect shore electric power to the RV
- Remove all batteries from the RV and store them in a location protected from freezing temperatures. Batteries that freeze will lose their ability to hold a proper charge and will likely need to be replaced.
- Visually inspect your RV for any repairs that may be necessary. Don't forget to look at the roof as well.
- Defrost and thoroughly clean both the refrigerator and freezer. To help combat odors during storage, place open boxes of baking soda or crumpled newspapers in the compartments.
- Remove all perishable items from the interior. Include items prone to freezing, especially during winter storage.
- Be sure to secure all external openings, including the furnace outlet, to keep critters from getting inside.
- Thoroughly clean both the interior and exterior of your RV. You may also want to shampoo the carpets inside and wax the exterior for added shine.
- Ensure that all windows are closed, while leaving the roof vent(s) slightly open to allow for air circulation during storage.
- Protect the tires by covering them to avoid weather-checking.
- Cover the rooftop air conditioner.
- Consider purchasing a tarp to protect your RV while it's in storage. Be sure to invest in a quality tarp that allows for proper ventilation.

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- Locate the drain valve or plug for the fresh water tank and proceed to drain the water.
- Find the drain plug on the water heater and remove it to empty the tank.
- Bypass the water heater.
- Locate the Water Pump -
 - Detach the inlet fitting,
 - Attach the winterizing hose
 - Place the other end into the antifreeze jug.
- Run the Water System -
 - Turn on the water pump.
 - Open each tap one by one until antifreeze appears.
 - Check both hot and cold taps at every sink and shower faucet.Don't forget the toilet or any outdoor shower.
- Relieve the Pressure in the Water System -
 - Turn off the water pump.
 - De-pressurize the system by opening a cold water tap.
 - At the city water connection, carefully remove the screen and washer.
 - Press down on the valve stem until the antifreeze begins to flow out.
- To protect your plumbing during winterization, pour approximately a cup of antifreeze into each drain to displace the water and safeguard the trap.
- Lastly, empty the holding tanks and pour about a pint of antifreeze directly into the toilet and shower drain to preserve the dump valves. And that's all there is to it!