



Coachcraft would like to offer you some helpful hints:

### **WINTERIZING YOUR RV**

- Step 1. Locate the fresh water tank drain valve or plug & drain the water.
- Step 2. Locate the water heater drain plug and remove it to drain the water heater tank.
- Step 3. Bypass the water heater.
- Step 4. Locate the water pump, disconnect the inlet fitting, install the winterizing hose and insert the other end into the jug of antifreeze.
- Step 5. Turn on the water pump and open the taps, one by one until the antifreeze appears. Do the hot and cold taps at every sink or shower faucet. Don't forget the toilet or the outside shower if you have one!
- Step 6. IMPORTANT! - Make sure to relieve the water system pressure before proceeding! Turn off the water pump and de-pressurize the system by opening a cold water tap. At the city water connection, pry out the screen and washer, and press in on the valve stem until the antifreeze runs out.
- Step 7. Pour about a cupful of antifreeze into every drain to displace the water and protect the trap. Finally, dump the holding tanks and pour a pint or so of antifreeze directly through the toilet and the shower drain to protect the dump valves. That's it!

### **STORING YOUR RV**

- Step 1. For motorhomes, fill up the gas tank. This will prevent moisture buildup in the tank. Also make sure all your fluid levels under the hood are full.
- Step 2. Drain and flush all holding tanks; fresh water, gray water, black water and hot water tanks.
- Step 3. Drain all water lines, using compressed air or at least the low-point drain lines.
- Note: If storing for the winter, follow the *winterizing* steps above.
- Step 4. 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.
- Step 5. Disconnect shore electric power to the RV.
- Step 6. Remove all batteries from the RV and store in a place where they won't freeze. Batteries that have been frozen will never again hold a proper charge, and will more than likely have to be replaced.
- Step 7. Visually check your RV for anything that might need to be repaired. Make sure you also check the roof.
- Step 8. Defrost and clean the refrigerator and freezer. Place open boxes of baking soda or crumpled newspapers in the compartments to eliminate odors during storage.
- Step 9. Remove all perishable items from the interior. Include in this any items that are susceptible to freezing, if storing during the winter months.
- Step 10. Cover all external outlets, such as furnace outlet, to prevent *critters* from entering.
- Step 11. Thoroughly wash the interior and the exterior of your RV. You might also consider shampooing the carpets inside and waxing the outside.
- Step 12. Close all windows; leave the roof vent(s) open *ever so slightly* for air circulation during storage.
- Step 13. Cover the tires to prevent weather-checking.
- Step 14. Cover the roof air conditioner
- Step 15. Consider the purchase of a tarp to cover your RV during storage. Make sure you invest in a good tarp that can *breathe*.