

Pre-Trip Safety Checklist

Before every trip, you should make a systematic check of all the important systems in your RV, tow vehicle, hitch and trailer. This handy checklist will help you perform all these tasks each time you travel. Feel free to photocopy this checklist for future trips. Getting into the habit of checking your systems each time you travel can save you time, money and frustration on your upcoming trip. And catching dangerous problems early can quite possibly save lives.

Tow Vehicle or Motorhome

- Full tank(s) of gas (turn off propane while fueling)
- Oil level
- Transmission fluid
- Radiator Coolant
- Brake Fluid
- Battery water level
- Windshield wiper fluid
- Fan Belts
- Tires and wheels (check inflation while tires are cool)
- Check lights including turn signals, brake lights, & high beams

Travel Trailer

- Electrical System (fuses & generator)
- Inspect generator exhaust (if equipped)
- Auxiliary battery water (distilled)
- Inspect/clean battery, cables, terminals
- Check battery charge (in storage) or electrolyte (in use)
- Test GFI outlets
- LP or Propane gas tanks full
- Check LPG system components and LPG leak detector
- Fill fresh water tank (turn off pump)
- Put stoppers in sink drains
- Prepare waste water holding tank (pour enough water through the toilet to cover the tank bottom)
- Latch Refrigerator
- Latch cabinets
- Check all interior lights
- Check batteries in smoke alarm
- Check carbon monoxide detector operation
- Check fire extinguisher (charged & within easy access)
- Check exterior lights, including brake lights and turn signals
- Check trailer brakes
- Check tire inflation pressure (when tires are cold)
- Check tires for wear & damage, wheel & nut torque
- Check distribution of cargo, (heavy objects low, light objects high, even side-to-side distribution.)
- Wash exterior

Every few Months:

- Check slide-out room function & sealing (if equipped)
- Check slide-out room hydraulic pump fluid level (if equipped)
- Check water pump filter
- Inspect roof sealant
- Inspect slide-out seals (if equipped)
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Once a year: (Spring Check-up)

- Inspect all hot, cold drain plumbing
- Sanitize fresh water tank
- Complete LPG pressure check & system check (by qualified personnel)
- Inspect brakes & suspension system (by qualified personnel)
- Pack wheel bearings (by qualified personnel)
- Check water purifier cartridge (if equipped)
- Clean interior (as necessary)
- Wax exterior
- Clean & lube overhead vents
- Lube locks, hinges and hardware
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Hitch

- Inspect safety chains
- Inspect brake wiring, connector, plug & receptacle
- Inspect hitch components
- Test breakaway switch
- Lubricate coupler and latch
- Lubricate breakaway switch pin
- Clean breakaway switch contacts
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Supplies and Equipment Checklist

The following is a list that may be helpful for selecting supplies and equipment considered necessities for traveling in an RV.

Personal Items

- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Hairbrushes, combs, & hair dryer
- Bath soap, shampoo & deodorant
- Wash cloths, towels & bed linen
- Shaving equipment
- Makeup
- Bedding, blankets (electric?), pillow & sleeping bags
- Rain gear
- Clothes
- Glasses (sight or sun) & Contact lens care kit
- Sun protection lotion & sunburn cream
- Medication
- Female sanitary needs
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Cooking Utensils

- Coffee/tea pot
- Skillet, pans (with lids) & griddle
- Sharp knives (carving, paring & steak)
- Chopping board
- Cooking fork, spatula & tongs
- Spoons (measuring and serving)
- Hot pads
- Bowls (mixing, serving, cereal & soup)
- Openers (can, bottle, corkscrew)
- Appliances (mixer, toaster)
- Portable BBQ grill, charcoal, lighter fluid & cooking utensils

Food Serving Supplies

- Plates, bowls, glasses, cups & saucers (washable & disposable)
- Flatware (knives, forks & spoons)
- Salt, Pepper & other condiments
- Napkins, tablecloths & placemats
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Cleaning Supplies & Equipment

- Waste basket & litter bags
- Broom, dust pan, mop & portable vacuum
- Laundry bag, soap, clothes line & clothes pins
- Room deodorizer (air freshener)
- Dish pans, soap & cleanser
- Dish cloths, scouring pads, sponges & towels
- Toilet bowl cleaning brush etc.

Misc. Supplies & Support Equipment

- Alarm Clock & radio
- Facial & toilet tissue
- Chemical for Toilet
- Water filter supplies
- Scissors & sewing kit
- Paper towels, aluminum foil, wax paper & plastic wrap
- Plastic bags (sandwich, garbage etc.)
- Folding Chairs
- Camera Supplies
- Binoculars
- Games, cards, books & magazines
- Sewer hose extension
- High pressure water hose, Y connectors & adapters
- Heavy duty extension cords & adapters
- Sporting equipment (fishing, skiing etc.)
- Leveling blocks & small carpenters level
- Wheel chocks
- Insect repellent
- Portable fan
- Night light
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Emergency Equipment

- Flashlight & lantern (fresh batteries, fluid & mantel)
- Matches
- First aid kit
- Adhesive bandages (assorted sizes)
- Adhesive tape
- Antacid
- Anti-bacterial ointment, spray, liquid
- Antiseptic soap
- Aspirin or equivalent
- Bandages (assorted size gauze pads)
- Burn cream & sunburn medication
- Elastic bandages
- Eye wash
- Hot water bottle
- Motion sickness medicine
- Snake bite kit
- Thermometer
- Saw, hatchet, axe & shovel
- Assortment of hand tools & lug wrench
- Small jack & boards for blocking
- Spare wheel & tire (check air pressure before leaving)
- Tire pump & tire pressure gauge
- Fire extinguisher(s) road flares & reflectors
- Tow chain or cable & jumper cables
- Spare fuses & light bulbs
- Extra oil (engine, transmission, outboard motor etc.)