

RV Camping Pre-Departure Checklist



Trip Planning & Travel Preparation

- ☐ Check weather forecast for destination & travel days (storms, heat, cold)
- ☐ Verify campground reservation & check-in time
- ☐ Confirm campsite hookups (water, electric, sewer)
- ☐ Review campground rules & quiet hours
- ☐ Plan driving route & alternate routes
- ☐ Check road restrictions for RVs (height, weight, tunnels, bridges)
- ☐ Download offline maps in case of poor signal (such as Google Maps or RV Life Trip Wizard)
- ☐ Share itinerary with a family member or friend
- ☐ Check traffic & construction alerts
- ☐ Other _____

RV Interior Secure & Setup

- ☐ Close & lock all cabinets
- ☐ Secure loose items
- ☐ Retract TV antenna
- ☐ Close roof vents
- ☐ Retract slide-outs
- ☐ Lower TV mounts & tables
- ☐ Lock refrigerator door
- ☐ Turn off water heater if necessary
- ☐ Other _____

Lights & Visibility

- ☐ Test headlights
- ☐ Test brake lights
- ☐ Test turn signals & hazard lights
- ☐ Clean windshield & mirrors
- ☐ Other _____

Fluids & Engine

- ☐ Check engine oil
- ☐ Check coolant levels
- ☐ Check brake fluid
- ☐ Fill windshield washer fluid
- ☐ Other _____

Tires & Wheels

- ☐ Check tire pressure (including spare)
- ☐ Check suspension air bag pressure (if equipped)
- ☐ Inspect tires for cracking, dry rot, or uneven wear
- ☐ Torque lug nuts to manufacturer specs
- ☐ Ensure chock blocks are accessible
- ☐ Other _____

RV Systems check

- ☐ Check house battery charge
- ☐ Test generator
- ☐ Test inverter (if equipped)
- ☐ Test interior lights
- ☐ Check propane tank levels
- ☐ Test propane appliances (stove, furnace, f ridge)
- ☐ Run refrigerator several hours before departure
- ☐ Check water pump operation
- ☐ Fill fresh water tank if needed
- ☐ Other _____

Tanks & Utilities

- ☐ Empty gray water tank
- ☐ Empty black tank
- ☐ Add tank treatment to black tank
- ☐ Check sewer hose & fittings
- ☐ Check freshwater hose & filter
- ☐ Pack electrical hookup cords & adapters (30/50 amp)
- ☐ Other _____

Towing Setup (if towing)

- ☐ Secure hitch & safety chains
- ☐ Check trailer brake connection
- ☐ Confirm tow lights working
- ☐ Other _____

Safety & Emergency Gear

- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Fire extinguisher checked
- ☐ Smoke & carbon monoxide detectors tested
- ☐ Roadside emergency kit
- ☐ Jumper cables
- ☐ Tire repair kit or inflator
- ☐ Tool kit
- ☐ Emergency blankets
- ☐ Extra drinking water
- ☐ Other _____

Electronics & Navigation

- ☐ Charge phones & tablets
- ☐ Charging cables packed
- ☐ Portable battery packs
- ☐ RV GPS (if used)
- ☐ Backup camera working
- ☐ Other _____

Clothing & Personal Items

- ☐ Weather-appropriate clothing
- ☐ Jackets or rain gear
- ☐ Hiking shoes or boots
- ☐ Sandals or camp shoes
- ☐ Sleepwear
- ☐ Extra socks & underwear
- ☐ Toiletries (Toilet paper, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant)
- ☐ Sunscreen & bug spray
- ☐ Towels & washcloths
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Other _____

Campground Living Gear

- ☐ Camping chairs
- ☐ Outdoor rug or mat
- ☐ Lantern or flashlight
- ☐ Fire starters or matches
- ☐ Firewood (if allowed)
- ☐ Marshmallow sticks
- ☐ Portable grill or BBQ tools
- ☐ Cooler & ice
- ☐ Other _____

Kitchen Packing

- ☐ Drinking water
- ☐ Coffee & coffee maker
- ☐ Cooking utensils
- ☐ Pots & pans
- ☐ Plates, bowls, & silverware
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Dish soap & sponge
- ☐ Food for meals & snacks
- ☐ Aluminum foil & zip bags
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Other _____

Pets

- ☐ Pet food, treats & bowls
- ☐ Leash & harness
- ☐ Waste bags
- ☐ Pet bed or crate & gates
- ☐ Vaccination records if required by campground
- ☐ Other _____

Final Walk Around

- ☐ Steps retracted
- ☐ Leveling jacks raised
- ☐ Slide-outs & Awnings retracted
- ☐ Storage compartments locked
- ☐ Antenna & Flags down
- ☐ Power cord unplugged
- ☐ Water hose disconnected
- ☐ Sewer hose disconnected
- ☐ Check for obstacles around RV
- ☐ Doors locked
- ☐ Other _____