

Winterizing Checklist

1 Exterior wash

- ☐ Wash the RV and roof with RV wash and a soft brush. Mould keeps growing if left.
- ☐ Clean the frame, undercarriage, wheel wells, tires and steps.
- ☐ Wash the awning and let it dry fully before rolling it up.
- ☐ Lubricate hinges, locks, slide-out gears and jacks. Treat all rubber seals.
- ☐ While you're outside, make sure any propane tanks are turned off.

2 Interior clean

- ☐ Vacuum and remove all food and crumbs, including in cushions.
- ☐ Remove toiletries that can freeze and split, like shampoo and toothpaste.
- ☐ Remove paper towels, tissues and rags that mice could nest in.
- ☐ Defrost and dry the fridge. Add baking soda and prop the doors open.
- ☐ Take valuables out of the RV and storage compartments.

3 Line antifreeze

- ☐ Empty the black and grey tanks at a dump station. Flush the black tank if needed.
- ☐ Drain the fresh water tank and water heater, then bypass the heater.
- ☐ Pump RV antifreeze through every line, hot and cold, including the outdoor shower, toilet, ice maker and washer.
- ☐ Pour ½ cup of antifreeze into every P-trap.

4 Mouse-proofing

- ☐ Fill holes underneath with expanding foam, caulking or wire mesh.
- ☐ Seal the power cord hatch and set mouse traps inside.



Tip: A mouse fits through a hole the size of a pencil.

5 Check and reseal

Cracked caulking lets water in, and the damage may not show until spring.

- ☐ Check roof seams, vents and antennas. Reseal with self-levelling sealant.
- ☐ Check windows, compartments, mouldings, doors and hatches. Reseal as needed.

6 Moisture removers

Moisture damages the RV and helps mould and mildew grow.

- ☐ Place moisture removers inside. Ask us which ones we carry.

7 Batteries

A drained flooded or AGM battery freezes quickly and will likely need replacing.

- ☐ Photograph the connections so you can hook them up the same way in spring.
- ☐ Confirm your battery type: lead-acid, AGM or lithium. Each type needs different winter care.



Follow the battery manufacturer's winter storage instructions, or see our **RV Battery Winter Care** sheet.

8 Covers

- ☐ Use a breathable RV cover, never a tarp, to prevent mould and rust.
- ☐ Cover the tires with light-coloured, UV-resistant covers.
- ☐ Inflate the tires to their maximum cold pressure to prevent flat spots. In spring, lower them back to the RV's driving pressure.

9 Checking your RV

- ☐ Visit during storage. Refill moisture removers, check the traps and look for damage, leaks and flat tires.

These steps help set you up for an easy, enjoyable camping season.

This is a guide only and does not replace your owner's manual. For motorized RVs, see your chassis owner's manual.