

How to Properly Prepare Your RV for Winter Storage



Before you park your RV for the season, take some time to close it down properly.

End-of-season maintenance keeps your RV in good condition and gets you on the road faster next year.

1. Inspect the outside.

Inspect all seams and seals for cracks and reseal those areas, then lubricate metal locks and hinges. Covering your RV with a breathable cover is also a great option.

2. Inflate the tires to the correct PSI.

Inflate your tires to the manufacturer-recommended level. For outdoor RV storage, put a layer between the tires and the ground to protect against extreme heat or cold conditions.

3. Remove or disconnect the batteries – all of them.

If possible, remove the batteries and store them indoors. Otherwise, make sure all batteries are fully charged, disconnect the switches, and top off the water levels. Shut off the main breaker in the circuit breaker panel.

4. Think like a critter.

Keep insects and rodents out by blocking all possible entryways and covering the exhaust pipe and all vents. Spray expanding foam into smaller openings, and seal cracks in drawers and cupboards.

5. Drain the water tanks.

Drain the water tanks at a dump station. Blow compressed air through them and add nontoxic antifreeze made specifically for this purpose. Clear water from the shower drain, toilet, and water heater.

6. Change the oil and check the fluids.

Used oil can corrode the engine bearings. Change the oil and top off the antifreeze, power steering fluid, brake fluid, and windshield fluid. Fill the gas tank and add a fuel stabilizer according to manufacturer instructions. Run the engine long enough for the stabilizer to travel through the fuel system.

7. Thoroughly clean the interior.

Remove all food from cupboards, drawers, refrigerator, and freezer. Defrost and wipe down the freezer and leave the doors propped open. Wipe down the counters, launder the bedding and awnings, sweep and mop the floor, clean the bathroom.

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