



# PRE-TRIP CHECKLIST

## FOR MOTORHOMES AND TRAVEL TRAILERS

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Before hitting the road, every RV owner should perform a walk-around inside and outside their rig to make sure everything is disconnected, put away, and stowed properly. Forgetting simple tasks like cranking down the roof antenna, bringing in the entrance steps, or disconnecting water, sewer, or electrical connections can be embarrassing and can cause damage to your RV. Here's a checklist you can refer to each time you head out to make sure that doesn't happen to you. Make sure to personalize it to your own rig.

## MOTORHOME CHECKLIST

## INTERIOR

- Water pump off
- Water heater off
- Furnace off, portable heater stowed
- TV antenna down, satellite dish down or stowed
- TV and electronics secured
- Furniture secured - recliners, kitchen chairs, etc.
- Loose items from countertop, cabinets, and bathroom stowed or secured
- Cabinet drawers and doors closed and secure
- Refrigerator off, interior items secured, door latched
- Stove top secured
- Toilet seat down
- Bathroom/bedroom doors closed and secure
- Windows and vents closed
- All interior lights turned off

## EXTERIOR

- Engine fluids
  - Oil
  - Brake fluid
  - Engine coolant
  - Transmission Fluid
- Engine compartment
  - Leaks underneath
  - Hoses, fittings, belts
  - Check for leaves, nests, or other debris lodged in compartment
  - Batteries
- Windshield clean, check for cracks or rock chips
- Windshield wipers
- Mirrors adjusted and tight
- External lights working and clean - brake, turn signals, clearance markers, etc.

- Tires
  - Proper pressure cold
  - Sidewall weather checking
  - Tread
  - Valve stem/extensions
- Towed vehicle
  - Proper hitch connection
  - Braking mechanism
  - Lights
  - Towed vehicles recommended procedure:
    - Emergency brake off
    - Key in proper position
    - Shifter in neutral
    - Fuses
- Jack retracted
- Slide rooms retracted - check for debris on top
- Awnings retracted and latched
- Compartments latched/locked if preferred
- Propane off
- Operation of step

## PERSONAL INFORMATION TO KEEP ON BOARD

- Medical information
- Emergency contact information
- Driver's license
- Proof of insurance
- Trip routing information

## THINGS TO CHECK WHEN LEAVING A CAMPSITE

- Put away all loose items around or under the rig - lawn chairs, rugs, grills, etc.
- Service center - water, electricity, cable, etc.
- Dump tanks if applicable
- Check water level
- Check exit route for obstructions high and low
- Shut off all pilot lights
- Properly dump all trash and recycling

## TRAVEL TRAILER CHECKLIST

**INTERIOR TRAILER**

- Water pump off
- Water heater off
- Furnace off, portable heater stowed
- TV antenna down, satellite dish down or stowed
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- Furniture secured - recliners, kitchen chairs, etc.
- Loose items from countertop, cabinets, and bathroom stowed or secured
- Cabinet drawers and doors closed and secure
- Refrigerator off, interior items secured, door latched
- Stove top secured
- Toilet seat down
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- Windows and vents closed
- All interior lights turned off

**TOW VEHICLE**

- Engine fluids
  - Oil
  - Brake fluid
  - Engine coolant
  - Transmission Fluid
- Engine compartment
  - Leaks underneath
  - Hoses, fittings, belts
  - Check for leaves, nests, or other debris lodged in compartment
  - Batteries
- Verify brake controller setting
- Windshield clean, check for cracks or rock chips
- Windshield wipers
- Mirrors adjusted and tight
- Tires
  - Proper pressure cold
  - Sidewall weather checking
  - Tread
- External lights working and clean - brake, turn signals, clearance markers, etc.
- Transmission set to tow mode
- Check fuel

**EXTERIOR TRAILER**

- Truck tailgate down (fifth wheel) for hitching, up after
- Proper hitch connection, safety chains, locking pin, breakaway cable
- Perform tug test
- Electrical pigtail securely connected
- Weight distribution/stabilizers connected properly
- External lights working & clean - brake, turns, clearance
- Tires
  - Proper pressure cold
  - Sidewall weather checking
  - Tread
  - Valve stem/extensions
- Lug nut torque
- Axle lubrication - check interval or bearing buddy lube
- Jacks, stabilizers retracted, stow pads
- Slide rooms retracted - check for debris on top
- Awnings retracted and latched
- Compartments latched/locked if preferred
- Propane off
- Steps in
- Remove wheel chocks
- All keys accounted for and doors locked

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