

Spring RV Prep Checklist

EXTERIOR

Wash the RV.
Check the weather-stripping and weep
holes on all windows.
Lube the slider tracks on any window
or screen that opens.
Inspect all roof components, seams,
and edges.
Check the roof air conditioner(s) for
damage.
Inspect and operate all bay doors,
entry doors, etc.
Lube all mechanical latches and
keyed locks with a dry lube.
Check the sealants around each
window and all components attached to the
exterior.
Lubricate the moving parts of all
awnings.
Remove any mold or mildew on the
canopies.
Look for anything unusual underneath
the RV.
Lubricate all slide-out mechanisms
with a dry lubricant.
Inspect any outdoor kitchen or
entertainment areas.

PROPANE SYSTEM & APPLIANCES

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Schedule a timed pressure drop test
and pressure regulator test on the system.
Activate and test the propane leak
detector.
Check the CO monitor, smoke alarms
and fire extinguishers.
Open the service valve fully at the
propane container(s).
Operate each appliance through its
operation.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

12-volt DC Systems
Check the electrolyte level in all
flooded, 12-volt batteries and fully charge
each battery system.
Verify that all electrical connections
are clean, dry and tight.
Confirm all 12-volt DC devices are
ready by operating each one.
Cycle each slide-out through a full
extension and retraction.
120-volt AC System
Clean and brighten the blades on the
shoreline cord.
Plug the RV in and turn on all circuit
breakers at the panel board inside the RV.
Plug in any ancillary AC device that
was unplugged during winterizing.
Operate 120-volt AC appliances
through their respective cycles.
Test and reset the GFCI.
After the filters have been cleaned or
replaced, run each air conditioner, checking
for unusual noises or vibrations.

GENERATOR

Change the oil and filter if necessary.
Check and replace the air filter
element and any fuel filters in the system.
Replace the rubber fuel lines to the
generator if small cracks are evident or the
hoses lack suppleness.
Start the generator and let it stabilize.
Once running smoothly, allow the generator
to power the RV.
With on-generator power, again cycle
the air conditioner(s) and allow the
generator to power for at least 30 minutes.

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PLUMBING - FRESH WATER

If employed last fall, drain the RV anti-
freeze from the fresh water system.
Fill the fresh water tank about half full.
Remove the water heater from by-
pass. If the water heater is a Suburban
model, remove and inspect the anode rod.
Replace it if it is 75% depleted.
Turn the water pump on and begin
flushing out all water lines. Open each
faucet to eliminate residual RV anti-freeze.
At the water heater, open the pressure
and temperature relief valve. Once water
begins gushing from the P&T valve, close
the lever.
Once water is flowing smoothly from
each faucet, shut them all off.
Flush the toilet a couple of times to fill
its internal tubing.
Turn off the water pump, and then
open the water heater P&T relief valve
once more. Leave it open until water stops
dripping from the outlet, and then close it.
Attach the fresh water hose to the city
connection and verify that all fresh water
components operate properly.
Inspect for water dripping or seeping
anywhere, inside and outside the RV.
Chlorinate the entire fresh water
system.

PLUMBING - WASTE SYSTEMS

Flush and drain each holding tank.
Disassemble and lubricate all
termination valves. Ensure each one
operates smoothly and fully closes.
Treat each holding tank for odor
control if necessary.
Inspect the sewer hose for pinholes or

damaged seals.

TIRES & WHEELS

Remove rocks or pebbles lodged in
the tire treads.
Examine sidewalls for evidence of
weather-checking.
Evaluate if you need tire replacement.
Needs vary with RV usage. Tires
approaching 5 to 7 years of age may need
replacing.
Clean and treat all tires with a non-
petroleum based treatment.
Be sure all tires are pressurized to the
correct inflation as determined by owner's
manual.
Torque all lug nuts to the specified
requirement.

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Motorhomes
FOR GAS Check all fluid levels.
FOR DIESEL Reference owner's
manual for manufacturerrecommendations.
Check engine drive belts & coolant
hoses.
Test all running lamps, turn signals,
headlamps, antennas, entry steps, etc.
Road test for proper handling.
Towable RVs
Clean and pack the wheel bearings
and replace the seals every 2 years.
Adjust all electric brakes if necessary.
Inspect all spring shackles, U-bolts and
hitch components.
Test the breakaway switch for proper
operation.
Test all running lamps, turn signals,
stop lamps, antennas, entry steps, etc.
Road test for proper handling.