



Pre-trip Checklist For Motorhomes and Travel Trailers

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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
- ☐ Jacks 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
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- ☐ 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

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 & 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/stabilizer 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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