

## Pre-trip Checklist For Motorhomes and Travel Trailers

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## **MOTORHOME CHECKLIST**

INTERIOR	☐ Tires
☐ Water pump off	☐ Proper pressure cold
☐ Water heater off	☐ Sidewall weather checking
☐ Furnace off, portable heater stowed	☐ Tread
TV antenna down, satellite dish down or stowed	☐ Valve stem/extensions
TV and electronics secured	☐ Towed vehicle
Furniture secured – recliners, kitchen chairs, etc.	<ul><li>Proper hitch connection</li></ul>
Loose items from countertop, cabinets, and bathroom	<ul><li>Braking mechanism</li></ul>
stowed or secured	☐ Lights
☐ Cabinet drawers and doors closed and secure	☐ Towed vehicles recommended procedure:
Refrigerator off, interior items secured, door latched	☐ Emergency brake off
☐ Stove top secured	☐ Key in proper position
☐ Toilet seat down	☐ Shifter in neutral
☐ Bathroom/bedroom doors closed and secure	☐ Fuses
☐ Windows and vents closed	Jacks retracted
☐ All interior lights turned off	☐ Slide rooms retracted – check for debris on top
	Awnings retracted and latched
EXTERIOR	Compartments latched/locked if preferred
☐ Engine fluids	Propane off
Oil	Operation of step
☐ Brake fluid	PERSONAL INFORMATION TO KEEP ON BOARD
☐ Engine coolant	☐ Medical information
□ Transmission fluid	☐ Emergency contact information
☐ Engine compartment	☐ Driver's license
☐ Leaks underneath	☐ Proof of insurance
☐ Hoses, fittings, belts	☐ Trip routing information
<ul> <li>Check for leaves, nests, or other debris lodged in compartment</li> </ul>	
☐ Batteries	THINGS TO CHECK WHEN LEAVING A CAMPSITE
☐ Windshield clean, check for cracks or rock chips	Put away all loose items around or under the
☐ Windshield wipers	rig – lawn chairs, rugs, grills, etc.
☐ Mirrors adjusted and tight	Service center – water, electricity, cable, etc.
☐ External lights working and clean – brake, turn	☐ Dump tanks if applicable☐ Check water level
signals, clearance markers, etc.	
	☐ Check exit route for obstructions high and low
	Shut off all pilot lights
	Properly dump all trash and recycling



## TRAVEL TRAILER CHECKLIST

INTERIOR TRAILER	EXTERIOR TRAILER
☐ Water pump off	Truck tailgate down (fifth wheel) for hitching, up after
☐ Water heater off	☐ Proper hitch connection, safety chains, locking pin,
☐ Furnace off, portable heater stowed	breakaway cable
TV antenna down, satellite dish down or stowed	Perform tug test
☐ TV and electronics secured	🔲 Electrical pigtail securely connected
☐ Furniture secured – recliners, kitchen chairs, etc.	☐ Weight distribution/stabilizer connected properly
☐ Loose items from countertop, cabinets, and bathroom stowed or secured	☐ External lights working & clean – brake, turns, clearance.☐ Tires
☐ Cabinet drawers and doors closed and secure	☐ Proper pressure cold
Refrigerator off, interior items secured, door latched	☐ Sidewall weather checking
☐ Stove top secured	☐ Tread
☐ Toilet seat down	☐ Valve stem/extensions
☐ Bathroom/bedroom doors closed and secure	Lug nut torque
☐ Windows and vents closed	Axle lubrication – check interval or bearing buddy lube
☐ All interior lights turned off	Jacks, stabilizers retracted, stow pads
	Slide rooms retracted – check for debris on top
TOW VEHICLE	Awnings retracted and latched
☐ Engine fluids	Compartments latched/locked if preferred
□ Oil	Propane off
☐ Brake fluid	Steps in
<ul><li>Engine coolant</li><li>Transmission fluid</li></ul>	Remove wheel chocks
☐ Engine compartment	All keys accounted for and Doors locked
☐ Leaks underneath	PERSONAL INFORMATION TO KEEP ON BOARD
☐ Hoses, fittings, belts	☐ Medical information
Check for leaves, nests, or other debris lodged in	☐ Emergency contact information
compartment	Driver's license
☐ Batteries	☐ Proof of insurance
☐ Verify brake controller setting	☐ Trip routing information
☐ Windshield clean, check for cracks or rock chips	The roading information
☐ Windshield wipers	THINGS TO CHECK WHEN LEAVING A CAMPSITE
☐ Mirrors adjusted and tight	☐ Put away all loose items around or under the rig –
Tires	lawn chairs, rugs, grills, etc.
☐ Proper pressure cold	Service center – water, electricity, cable, etc.
<ul><li>☐ Sidewall weather checking</li><li>☐ Tread</li></ul>	Dump tanks if applicable
☐ External lights working & clean – brake, turn signals,	☐ Check water level
clearance markers, etc.	☐ Check exit route for obstructions high and low
☐ Transmission set to tow mode	☐ Shut off all pilot lights
☐ Check fuel	Properly dump all trash and recycling
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