

RV SET-UP CHECKLIST



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PRE- ARRIVAL

- ☐ Confirm RV park or Campground reservation & site number. Download maps incase of out of service areas (*Suggestion: RV Life App*)
- ☐ Check essentials are packed:
 - ☐ Hoses (Fresh + Black)
 - ☐ Electrical Cord + Adapters
 - ☐ Surge Protector
 - ☐ Chocks
 - ☐ Water Pressure Regulator
 - ☐ Tool Kit
 - ☐ Tire Pressure Monitor
 - ☐ Torque Wrench
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- ☐ Inspect your RV: especially if it has not been used for a while.
 - ☐ Tires (torque lugnuts, assess wear, check tire pressure)
 - ☐ Lights & electrical (test break lights & blinkers. Assess hook up to tow vehicle, assess functionality of fridge, etc)
 - ☐ Fluids (Hydraulic fluid if applicable)
 - ☐ Battery (ensure the batteries hold charge)
 - ☐ Propane levels/hook ups
 - ☐ Sanitize fresh water tank if not used for a while.
 - ☐ Fill fresh tank at potable station (*if not hooking up, recommend a 1/3rd if not sure*)
- ☐ Bring maps (download for offline use), campground info, cell/wi-fi gear

PARKING & ARRIVAL

- ☐ Boondocking or Parking Lot Stays: *Walk the site for hazards (rocks, glass, debris)*
 - ☐ Check overhead/side clearance for slides and awning
 - ☐ Check the length of your water hose, sewer hose, and electrical cord/adaptor — will they reach from hookups to your rig?
 - ☐ Find the most level area for minimal adjustment
 - ☐ *avoid steep angles or uneven ground—both can make unhitching and hitching back up more difficult*
 - ☐ Use a spotter and walkie-talkies or phones to guide you in.
NEVER BACK UP IF YOU CAN'T SEE YOUR PARTNER
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TRAVEL TRAILER LEVELING & UNHITCHING

- ☐ *If applicable, disconnect tow vehicle*
 - ☐ **Check Level**
 - Use a manual level or leveling device to check the RV's initial level
 - Identify which side needs to be raised
 - ☐ **Level Side-to-Side**
 - Place leveling blocks under the low-side tires
 - Slowly drive the trailer onto the blocks until level
 - For motorhomes, use blocks under all tires as needed.
 - Recheck level and adjust if necessary
 - ☐ **Secure the Trailer**
 - Place wheel chocks firmly against the tires
 - Ensure the tow vehicle and trailer are straight and on level ground
 - ☐ **Prepare to Unhitch**
 - Lower the tongue jack to raise the front of the trailer slightly (use blocks underneath if needed)
 - Wear gloves for safety
 - Disconnect the electrical cable, safety chains, and breakaway cable
 - If equipped, disconnect sway bars or weight distribution components
 - ☐ **Release from the Hitch**
 - Lower the tongue jack until it's aligned with the truck's hitch, ensuring no lift is applied
 - Remove the coupler latch pin or lock (if used)
 - Flip up the coupler latch tab to unlock
 - Slowly raise the tongue jack to lift the coupler off the ball
 - ☐ **Final Leveling**
 - Once unhitched, use the tongue jack to level the trailer front-to-back
 - When fully level, extend the stabilizer jacks for added stability (do not use for leveling, can add blocks underneath to increase longevity)
 - *If applicable, use X chocks for dual tires to add additional stability*
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ELECTRICAL (Always First)

- ☐ Turn off all breakers at the campground power pedestal
 - ☐ Plug in the surge protector (EMS) to the pedestal outlet
 - ☐ Turn on the breaker to test the power and check the surge protector display for any faults
 - ☐ Turn off the breaker again
 - ☐ Turn off power inside the RV (to prevent any power surge on connection)
 - ☐ Connect the RV power cord to the surge protector and then to the RV inlet
 - ☐ Turn the pedestal breaker back on to power the RV
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WATER

- ☐ *If not using city water, turn on water pump to pull from Fresh Tank*
 - ☐ Run water spigot for 1–2 minutes to clear debris
 - ☐ Connect pressure regulator (40–55 PSI) city water inlet (use 90° elbow if needed) - We recommend brass fittings
 - ☐ Attach water filter, and potable hose (*option for heated hose in colder months*)
 - ☐ Connect hose to Rig (*if applicable, make sure settings are set to city water*)
 - ☐ Test inside faucets
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SEWAR

- ☐ Wear gloves
 - ☐ Place hose support (slinky)
 - ☐ Make sure **all tank valves are closed**
 - ☐ Connect hose to RV first, then to site drain. (*use Y splitter if attaching multiple hoses*)
 - ☐ Keep **gray tank(s) & black tank closed** until nearly full to assist with flushing
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FINAL SET UP

- ☐ Lower steps
- ☐ Open LP gas valves
- ☐ Check inside for any damage or spills
- ☐ If applicable, extend the slide(s) **last**. Before doing so, ensure the area is clear of any obstacles inside and outside the RV.
- ☐ Ensure fridge is on
- ☐ Any additional set-up



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