



Travel Trailer Winter Storage Checklist

1. Drain and Winterize the Plumbing System


- ☐ Empty all water tanks: Drain the fresh water tank and flush both gray and black tanks completely. Use a tank cleaning wand or built-in flush system if available.
- ☐ Drain the water heater: Turn off the power and allow it to cool before draining.
- ☐ Bypass the water heater: Install a bypass kit if not already in place to avoid wasting antifreeze in the tank.
- ☐ Blow out water lines: Use an air compressor with a blow-out plug (30-40 PSI max) to remove residual water from faucets and lines.
- ☐ Pump in RV antifreeze: Using a water pump converter kit, push non-toxic pink RV antifreeze through all water lines, including kitchen and bathroom sinks, showerheads, outdoor showers, and toilets.
- ☐ Don't forget the traps: Pour a cup of antifreeze into each drain and the toilet bowl to protect the P-traps and seals.

 Product Tip: Use Camco RV Antifreeze Concentrate or RecPro Ready-to-Use RV Antifreeze.

2. Interior Preparation

- ☐ Remove all food: Even unopened food can attract rodents.
 - ☐ Defrost and clean the fridge: Leave fridge and freezer doors cracked open to prevent mold.
 - ☐ Clean appliances and floors: A deep clean now prevents surprises later.
 - ☐ Remove soft goods: Take home blankets, towels, pillows, and anything that can retain moisture or odor.
 - ☐ Open cabinets and drawers: Allows air circulation and reduces musty smells.
 - ☐ Moisture control: Use DampRid, Eva-Dry dehumidifiers, or silica gel packs in corners and closets.
-  Pro Tip: Toss in a few dryer sheets to keep things smelling fresh and help deter mice.

3. Exterior Maintenance

- ☐ Wash and wax: Remove road grime, bugs, and sap, then apply a protective wax.
 - ☐ Inspect all seals and seams: Check windows, roof vents, and doors for cracks. Reseal with Dicor Lap Sealant or Geocel ProFlex.
 - ☐ Lubricate moving parts: Hinges, locks, stabilizer jacks, and the tongue jack all appreciate a little lube before the freeze.
 - ☐ Cover vents and pipes: Use mesh covers or foam to keep critters out.
 - ☐ Check and inflate tires: Inflate to the recommended PSI and consider using tire covers or placing boards under tires to keep them off cold pavement.
-  Product Tip: Moonet RV Tire Covers are a great and affordable option.


4. Battery and Electrical Systems

- ☐ Charge fully before storage: A fully charged battery is less likely to freeze.
- ☐ Disconnect and remove: Store in a dry location. Keep them off concrete floors and away from freezing temps.
- ☐ Use a maintainer: Battery tenders or solar trickle chargers help maintain battery health.



- ☐ Shut off main breaker: Prevents phantom power draw and unexpected drain.
- ☐ ⚡ Product Tip: NOCO Genius1 Smart Battery Charger or a 5W solar battery maintainer for long-term trickle charging.

5. Final Touches Before You Walk Away

- ☐ Cover your RV: Use a breathable RV cover to prevent moisture buildup while protecting from sun, snow, and debris.
- ☐ Block entry points: Use steel wool or pest deterrents in common mouse entrances (electrical cord holes, vents).
- ☐ Secure stabilizers: Retract or snug them down with blocks, but don't lift the trailer.
- ☐ Lock doors and windows: Obvious but essential.
- ☐ Leave a checklist inside: Add a 'de-winterizing' checklist so you're ready to roll when spring arrives.
-  Bonus Tip: Check fire extinguisher expiration and smoke/CO detectors while you're at it.

