

Storing Your RV

Between trips, the following steps can be taken to protect your RV from the elements, keep pests out and make preparing for the next trip easier:

1. Empty the holding tanks.
2. Add one pound of baking soda to the black water tank. Add several gallons of fresh water to the gray and black tanks.
3. Remove all perishable food from cabinets.
4. Turn off the refrigerator, making sure the refrigerator circuits are off.
5. Remove all food from the refrigerator and leave the door open.
6. Clean the interior of the RV.
7. Close and lock all windows and vents.
8. Pull shades and close blinds. Shades should be stored in the up position to retain the pleats. If left down, the pleats will sag.
9. Turn off the propane cylinders and cover the regulator.
10. Check all compartment access ports for electric and water to make sure they are closed.
11. Close and lock all compartment doors.
12. Place wheel chocks to keep RV from moving
13. Cover the tires, if they will be exposed to the sun.
14. Disconnect battery to preserve battery charge and extend life of the battery.

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