

The Ultimate RV Departure & Setup Checklist

Your Simple Guide for Smooth RV Trips

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CAMPSITE ARRIVAL SETUP

Parking & Leveling

- ☐ Select site (avoid low branches, check slope)
- ☐ Position RV correctly for hookups
- ☐ Use leveling blocks/chocks
- ☐ Check bubble level
- ☐ Set parking brake

Hookups

- ☐ Connect electric power cord
- ☐ Use surge protector
- ☐ Test outlets inside RV
- ☐ Connect freshwater hose
- ☐ Use water pressure regulator
- ☐ Turn on water heater (if needed)
- ☐ Hook up sewer hose (if full hookup)
- ☐ Open gray/black tank valves (only when necessary)

Interior Prep

- ☐ Slide-outs fully extended
- ☐ Stabilizers down
- ☐ Secure cabinet doors
- ☐ Check smoke/CO detector
- ☐ Turn on propane (if needed)
- ☐ Set thermostat
- ☐ Outdoor entry rug (optional but helpful)

DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Interior Prep

- ☐ Turn off appliances
- ☐ Close windows & vents
- ☐ Secure loose items
- ☐ Latch cabinets & doors
- ☐ Retract slide-outs
- ☐ Set thermostat (off or storage setting)

Exterior

- ☐ Disconnect and store sewer hose
- ☐ Disconnect water hose, drain lines
- ☐ Unplug power cord
- ☐ Turn off propane
- ☐ Raise stabilizers
- ☐ Remove wheel chocks
- ☐ Secure steps & awnings
- ☐ Inspect tires (pressure & wear)
- ☐ Check hitch and safety chains



BONUS REMINDER SECTION

Before You Tow or Drive: The 5-Minute Safety Check

- Check tire pressure (including spare)
- Test brake lights & turn signals
- Verify hitch or tow connection is secure
- Confirm mirrors are properly adjusted
- Do one full walk-around for anything forgotten or loose

Final Walk-Around

- ☐ Check roof & exterior
- ☐ Confirm all bays latched
- ☐ Confirm lights operational
- ☐ Lock doors