

Preparing to Winterize Your Class A RV:

- Get your supplies ready first, before starting your winterization.
 - a. Purchase RV Antifreeze, Window washer fluid with antifreeze, Automotive Antifreeze- FOR YOUR RV ENGINE ONLY, Fuel and Teflon tape.
 - b. Make sure your air compressor is in good working order and you have a pressure regulator set to a maximum of 30 psi.

- Fuel-

Before you begin your RV winterization, top off your RV fuel tanks and add fuel stabilizer. Storing your motorhome with a full tank of fuel will minimize moisture condensing at the top of the tank.

In fact, this is a great habit to get in to every time you return from your latest RV adventure. Diesel fuel is an organic material that can develop microbial growth called black algae. Fuel stabilizers control microbe growth and degradation of the fuel.

- Location-

If you cannot find a facility that has power to park your RV, find a paved or concrete surface to park. Park your motorhome as level as possible. **Do not store with the slides open.**

Avoid parking your RV on a grass or gravel surface to prevent moisture accumulation under your motorhome and to prevent tires from sinking into the ground during the thaw. **BE SURE TO SET YOUR PARKING BRAKE.**

Tip: If possible, position your motorhome so the house and chassis batteries are accessible without having to move your RV.

- Tires-

- a. Check your tire pressure. It's best to store your RV with tires at maximum inflation as recommended by your tire manufacturer to prevent damage caused by under inflation.
- b. Tire manufacturers recommend getting the weight off your RV tires if possible. Lower your jacks to help take the pressure off of the tires and if you are not on a paved surface, place boards under the tires.
- c. Cover your RV tires to prevent sun damage and cracking.

- Shut off all Appliances

It's best to turn off the breakers too in addition to the power switches.

- Disable Auto Genstart

Consult your owner's manual for instructions.

- Batteries

When storing your RV make sure the house and chassis batteries are fully

charged. Batteries stored in a discharged state will readily freeze and damage the battery.

- ❑ Remove all Food and Beverages-
Clean out your RV refrigerator, freezer and cabinets of all food and beverages. Canned foods or bottled drinks can freeze and burst. In addition to causing a mess, it will attract pests and rodents. Even packaged goods should be removed to keep any hungry critters from making meals in your motorhome!
- ❑ Propane Gas
Turn off propane gas at the tank.
- ❑ Roof
 - a. Close all roof vents
 - b. Cover all air conditioning units
 - c. Don't let snow accumulate on the roof
- ❑ Close shades and curtains
To protect your interior fabrics from fading, close all window treatments.
- ❑ Windshield Wiper/Washer
 - a. Remove your windshield wiper blades and store inside your RV.
 - b. Top off your window washer tank with window washer fluid with antifreeze
- ❑ Solar Power
If you have a solar battery charger, the battery disconnect switch must be ON to allow the solar charger to provide a trickle charge to your house and chassis batteries.
- ❑ Satellite Dish and Antennas Down
Make sure all external antenna and satellite dishes are stored in the down (travel) position.
- ❑ Regular Inspections

Arrange to have someone check on your RV, both inside and out every couple of weeks to look for leaks or damage.