

About this RV Budget- This budget is designed to give those thinking about buying an RV a starting point of things they need to consider. The dollar amounts listed on items were based on our experience in purchasing our 5th wheel and maintaining it for the first three years. Your cost could be higher or lower depending on your local market and type of rig you buy. While the list is extensive, it is not all inclusive. There are additional items to keep in mind when looking at your camping budget. Campground fees, camping club memberships (there are some cost effective ones out there, do your homework) and fuel costs to name a few. Really plan things out when considering your purchase. The last thing anyone wants is to buy a new or used RV, and not be able to use it because you can't afford to equip or maintain it.

Item	Cost	Monthly Payment	Notes
Recreational Vehicle			
Tow Vehicle			
Insurance	750+		Annual cost, depends on size and value of rig, where stored, etc.
Storage if needed	1200+ per year		Estimated Cost
Hitch for Tow Vehicle	500-1500+		Depending on the type of hitch you decide on
Extended Warranty for RV			This is optional. If you are new to RV's you should consider getting this but read the fine print on any plan you consider.
25' Power Supply Extension Cord	100+		Estimated cost
Power Adapters	30+		50 to 30 amp
Surge Protector	150-500+		Remember you are protecting a high priced piece of equipment
Water Supply hose	50+		Get 50' minimum for drinking water
Black/Gray Water hose	25+		Get 25' minimum, used for flushing black and gray water tanks
Portable Black tank	50-150+		Optional item you may need for primitive or boondocking type camping
Water Connection Y	5+		Used to split off your drinking water and flush hose at source
Water pressure regulator	10+		40psi regulator to protect your water system
Inline Water Filter	30 per year		Typically you change annually.
Locks	50+		Lock on power pedestal to keep surge protector secure and one for the hitch itself so no one steals it while you are away.
Waste hose and gasket	60+		You will likely need an extension waste water hose as well as a gasket to seal around the sewer pipe
Tool Kit	50+		Keep a basic tool kit in the camper for the camper, we picked up tools at a garage sale
TPMS	250+		While optional, its a good investment for those that are doing longer trips
Back Up cameras	300+		Optional, but for larger rigs, it does make backing easier.
Tire Covers	60+		Protects tires from sun damage when not in use
Portable Air compressor	75+		Make sure it can handle the higher tire pressures found on RVs
Jack and lug wrench			Get one that can lift your rig, and consider getting a portable impact wrench
Bedding	50+		We keep these items in the rig. We don't want to have to deal loading and unloading anything more than food and fresh clothes each trip. You can save money by using your old stuff from the house or shopping discount or re-use stores.
Dishes	20+		
Pots and Pan	25+		
Silverware	10+		
Cooking Utensils	20+		
Games	25+		
Folding chairs	10+ each		
Folding Table	10+		
			We use one next to our grill to help with cooking outside

Winterization-RV Anti Freeze	30+ per year	Runs 4-8 dollars gallon, our 5th wheel uses 6 gallons to winterize it ourselves. A dealership will charge 175 or more to do it for you.
Tank Treatments	3+ per trip	Cost depends on type you use, number of tanks you have to treat, (we have 4 counting the fresh water tank) and the number of trips you take
Lubricants and sealants	75+ per year	You will need to get lubricants for your slides if you have them, casket conditioner for those slides. Sealants for your roofing and other joints. Wheel bearing grease, 5th wheel lub plates or grease
RV Maintenance	300+ per year	If you take your rig in for an annual or bi-annual roof inspection, brake inspection or wheel bearing repacking. If you are handy, you can handle some of these costs yourself.
RV Cover	400+	If you store your rig outside for extended periods it is best to put a cover on it. Cost varies on size of rig. There are ones on the market that have a lifetime guarantee. Worth the cost as they do replace them if they tear or wear through.
Bug or Sun Screen or tent, outside rug for patio area	100+	Optional item, but many people have additional sun or insect screens or tents in their rig as well as an outdoor rug or mat on the ground by the door
Tires	125+ each	You should budget for replacing every 3 to 5 years depending on use and exposure to the elements.
Storage Containers	5+ each	We use several in our rig to store the water supplies, electrical adapters, and waste supplies separately.
Small Vacuum Cleaner	45+	Your house vacuum most likely won't fit in your rig.
Cleaning Supplies	40+	Broom, dust pan, cleaners, rags. You will want to clean before you pack it in so you don't have to deal with the mess next time.