



Adrift RV Repair

The Ultimate RV Owner Survival Pack

4 Essential Checklists to Prevent Costly RV Repairs

BONUS GUIDE: Top 25 Must-Visit RV Destinations in the America

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RV Pre-Purchase & Delivery Inspection Checklist

Use this inspection sheet before committing to any RV purchase — new or used.

EXTERIOR & ROOF

- ☐ Inspect roof seams, vents, skylights, and AC shrouds
- ☐ Check roof for soft spots when safe to walk
- ☐ Inspect sidewalls for ripples, bubbles, or delamination
- ☐ Check window frames & seals for cracking or separation
- ☐ Inspect exterior storage bays & seals
- ☐ Test awning extension/retraction
- ☐ Inspect slide toppers (if equipped)

INTERIOR & STRUCTURE

- ☐ Inspect ceiling & wall corners for discoloration or bubbling
- ☐ Walk entire floor checking for soft or uneven spots
- ☐ Check around slide-outs inside for gaps or stains
- ☐ Open/close all cabinet doors, drawers, and interior doors
- ☐ Check blinds, shades, and window hardware

PLUMBING & WATER SYSTEM

- ☐ Run faucets, shower, and toilet; check for visible leaks
- ☐ Check under every sink for active drips
- ☐ Flush toilet & verify seal holds water
- ☐ Inspect tanks where visible for cracks or staining
- ☐ Test the water heater on electric and propane

ELECTRICAL & APPLIANCES

- ☐ Test interior and exterior lights
- ☐ Use TEST/RESET on GFCI outlets
- ☐ Test several outlets with a small device
- ☐ Verify fridge turns on in electric mode
- ☐ Verify converter is charging house batteries

HVAC & PROPANE SYSTEMS

- ☐ Run AC to confirm cold air and normal fan noise
- ☐ Run furnace to verify warm air and proper cycling
- ☐ Ensure thermostat responds to mode/temperature
- ☐ Inspect propane tanks, regulator, hoses & fittings
- ☐ Test propane & CO detectors

TIRES, SUSPENSION & TOW/CHASSIS

- ☐ Check tire age using DOT date stamp
- ☐ Inspect tire sidewalls for cracking or bulging
- ☐ Inspect suspension components for rust or damage
- ☐ Verify breakaway switch & 7-way plug
- ☐ Check tongue jack or landing gear
- ☐ On motorhomes: check engine oil, coolant, and transmission fluid

SLIDE-OUTS & MOVING STRUCTURES

- ☐ Extend and retract each slide-out fully twice
- ☐ Inspect slide-out seals for compression and cracks
- ☐ Inspect exterior slide corners for cracks or stress marks
- ☐ Verify slide toppers roll correctly

BATTERIES & CHARGING SYSTEM

- ☐ Inspect house batteries for corrosion or swelling
- ☐ Check battery cables for tightness and cleanliness
- ☐ Verify converter/charger brings batteries to proper voltage

DOCUMENTATION & RED FLAGS

- ☐ Verify VIN matches title and paperwork
- ☐ Review available service records
- ☐ Confirm all keys, remotes, and entry codes

NEW-RV DELIVERY & WARRANTY ITEMS

- ☐ Confirm a full PDI was completed with a technician
- ☐ Collect manuals, warranty books & registration info
- ☐ Verify add-ons and upgrades appear on the invoice



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Annual RV Maintenance Checklist

Perform these inspections regularly to prevent costly repairs.

- ☐ Inspect roof seams & vent covers
- ☐ Check for soft spots or wall bubbles
- ☐ Condition slide seals
- ☐ Inspect tires (pressure & wear)
- ☐ Check underbelly for moisture/drips
- ☐ Monitor interior humidity
- ☐ Clean AC filters
- ☐ Inspect water hose & fittings
- ☐ Test GFCI outlets & detectors
- ☐ Lubricate hinges & locks
- ☐ Check battery water level (if applicable)
- ☐ Inspect brakes (visual check)
- ☐ Touch up caulking if needed
- ☐ Sanitize fresh water tank
- ☐ Full roof inspection (annually)
- ☐ Service water heater & furnace
- ☐ Wheel bearing service
- ☐ Inspect suspension hardware
- ☐ Replace expired CO & smoke detectors

Pro Tip: Small leaks turn into big repairs — act early and document findings.

Need help or want us to perform a full inspection?

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RV Starter Kit Checklist

Essential items every RV owner should keep on hand.

- Fresh water hose (drinking water safe)
- Water pressure regulator
- Sewer hose with fittings
- Sewer hose support cradle
- Disposable gloves (box)
- Leveling blocks
- Wheel chocks
- 30-amp or 50-amp surge protector
- Extension cord (RV-rated)
- Electrical adapters (dogbones)
- RV-specific fuses assortment
- Basic tool kit (hammer, pliers, screwdrivers)
- Utility knife
- Duct tape & electrical tape
- Zip ties (variety pack)
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Tire pressure gauge
- Portable air compressor
- Fire extinguisher (RV rated)
- First aid kit
- Spare batteries (AA/AAA)
- Silicone sealant (small tube)
- RV-safe toilet paper
- Black tank enzyme treatment
- Collapsible bucket
- Extra hoses & washers (assorted)
- Bungee cords/ratchet straps



Adrift RV Repair Winterizing Checklist

Follow each stage in order to properly protect your RV plumbing system from freeze damage.

STEP 1: GATHER SUPPLIES

- ☐ RV-approved antifreeze
- ☐ Blow-out plug or compressor fitting
- ☐ Towels or drip pan
- ☐ Remove existing water filter (replace in Spring)
- ☐ Moisture absorbers for interior

STEP 2: PREP SYSTEM

- ☐ Turn off water heater & water pump
- ☐ Engage water heater bypass valve
- ☐ Open low-point drains and drain all tanks completely
- ☐ Open all faucets to release pressure

STEP 3: ADD ANTIFREEZE

- ☐ Close drains & faucets once empty
- ☐ Pump antifreeze through all faucets until solid pink flows
- ☐ Flush toilet until pink appears
- ☐ Add antifreeze to all P-traps and drains
- ☐ Run outside shower if equipped

STEP 4: INTERIOR PROTECTION

- ☐ Place moisture absorbers in bath, kitchen & closets
- ☐ Crack cabinet doors for ventilation
- ☐ Use dehumidifier if power is available

STEP 5: FINAL VERIFY

- ☐ Confirm bypass remains engaged
- ☐ Check for leaks or drips
- ☐ Secure all exterior ports & hatches
- ☐ Label water system as 'Winterized'

Pro Tip: Winterizing mistakes can lead to costly plumbing repairs.

**Want us to winterize it for you or double-check your work?
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Top 25 RV Destinations in the United States

A curated list of bucket-list destinations for RV travelers of every style and season.

1. Glacier National Park, Montana – Stunning alpine lakes, scenic drives, wildlife, and epic hikes.
2. Zion National Park, Utah – Towering red cliffs, slot canyons, and exceptional RV camping.
3. Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming – Geysers, wildlife, hot springs, and classic touring loops.
4. Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming – Jagged peaks, lakes, and beautiful RV sites.
5. Blue Ridge Parkway, NC/VA – America's most scenic mountain drive with countless overlooks.
6. Acadia National Park, Maine – Rugged coastline, ocean views, and top-tier campgrounds.
7. Sedona, Arizona – Red rock vistas, energy vortexes, and excellent boondocking.
8. Moab, Utah – Arches, Canyonlands, and endless red rock adventure.
9. Pacific Coast Highway, California – Cliffside ocean drives and beach camping.
10. Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado – Alpine lakes, wildlife, and scenic peaks.
11. Great Smoky Mountains, TN/NC – Waterfalls, foggy ridges, and top campgrounds.
12. Florida Keys, Florida – Waterfront camping with tropical views.
13. Mount Rushmore & Black Hills, South Dakota – Iconic sights and scenic drives.
14. Outer Banks, North Carolina – Beachfront camping and wild horses.
15. Big Bend National Park, Texas – Desert mountains, canyons, and world-class stargazing.
16. Door County, Wisconsin – Charming lake towns and RV-friendly parks.
17. Lake Tahoe, CA/NV – Crystal-clear water and year-round recreation.
18. Crater Lake National Park, Oregon – Deep blue lake in a volcanic caldera.
19. Finger Lakes, New York – Waterfalls, vineyards, and scenic lakes.
20. Branson, Missouri – Family attractions and well-equipped RV resorts.
21. Redwood National & State Parks, California – Towering redwoods and coastal trails.
22. White Sands National Park, New Mexico – Soft gypsum dunes and surreal landscapes.
23. Olympic National Park, Washington – Rainforest, mountains, and coastline in one region.
24. Lake Powell, Arizona/Utah – Boating, canyons, and lakeside RV spots.
25. Texas Hill Country – Wineries, rolling hills, rivers, and scenic RV campgrounds.



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Need Professional Help?

You've got the checklists—now let our experienced technicians help keep your RV road-ready.

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- *Roof & Water Leak Repairs*
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- *Slide-Out, Plumbing, Furnace, A/C Repairs*
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