**The Ultimate RV Maintenance Checklist: Keep Your Rig Roaring!**

Whether you're an RV newbie or a seasoned road warrior, keeping your rig in top shape can feel like navigating a maze. Fear not! This guide is here to turn your maintenance routine into a well-oiled machine, and maybe even a bit of fun. Let’s dive in and keep that RV rolling smoothly!

**Before Every Trip: Your Pre-Adventure Ritual**

Before you embark on your epic journey, give your RV and tow vehicle a little TLC with these essential checks:

1. **Check Truck Oil, Transmission & Brake Fluid**
Keep your truck’s insides as happy as its outsides. A little oil and fluid check goes a long way in preventing “Oops, the engine died!” moments.
2. **Set Truck Tire Pressure**
Inflate those truck tires like you’re preparing for a marathon. Proper pressure = safer rides and fewer pit stops.
3. **Set RV Tire Pressure**
Make sure your RV tires are puffed up like they’ve had a triple espresso. Proper inflation means fewer blowouts and smoother sailing.
4. **Inspect Tire Condition**
Give your tires the once-over. If they’re looking worn out or have acquired any unsightly bulges, it might be time for a swap.
5. **Ensure TPMS (Tire Pressure Monitoring System) is Active**
Check that your TPMS is on the job, because you don't want your tires going rogue without a warning.
6. **Lubricate Hitch**
Give that hitch a little loving with some lubricant. A slick hitch is a happy hitch.
7. **Inspect Hitch Components**
Make sure all hitch parts are in tip-top shape. You don’t want any surprises when you hit the road!
8. **Lubricate Pin**
Make that pin slide in and out with ease. It’s like giving your RV a smooth dance partner.
9. **Check Springs, Shocks, and/or Suspension**
If your RV’s suspension could use a pep talk, now’s the time. Inspect it to avoid any unwanted bouncing or swaying.
10. **Inspect Brake Lines and Wiring**
Give your brake lines and wiring a quick checkup. Think of it as your RV’s way of saying, “Thank you for keeping me safe!”
11. **Check Brake Fluid Level**
Keep an eye on brake fluid levels—because running out is not an option when you’re barreling down the highway.
12. **Inspect LPG Components**
Check the propane system and remember to turn it off before you tackle tunnels or bridges. We don’t want any explosive surprises!
13. **Check 7-Pin Connector Connection and Truck/RV Lights and Signals**
Ensure your 7-pin connector is snug, and all lights and signals are flashing like a Broadway show.

**Monthly Maintenance (or Every 1000 Miles): Your Routine TLC**

Every month (or after 1000 miles), give your RV some well-deserved pampering with these tasks:

1. **Check Smoke Detector**
Test your smoke detector to ensure it’s on high alert. You don’t want it snoozing on the job.
2. **Check LPG Detector**
Make sure the LPG detector is ready to sniff out any gas leaks. It’s your first line of defense against any sneaky fumes.
3. **Check Carbon Monoxide Detector**
Confirm the carbon monoxide detector is active. It’s like having a superhero watching your back.
4. **Check Water System for Leaks**
Inspect your water system to make sure it’s not turning your RV into a water park.
5. **Check Fire Extinguisher**
Make sure your fire extinguisher is ready to go. After all, you want to be prepared, not panicked.
6. **Lubricate Jacks and Slide Rams**
Keep your jacks and slide-outs moving smoothly. A little lubrication goes a long way for a seamless setup.
7. **Check Hydraulic System Fluid Level**
Ensure the hydraulic fluid is at the right level. It’s like keeping your RV’s lifeblood in check.
8. **Check Generator Oil & Filter, and Run Generator**
Change the generator oil and filter, then fire it up. It’s the generator’s way of saying, “I’m ready to power up your adventures!”
9. **Recondition Water Softener**
Pamper your water softener to ensure it’s working its magic. Soft water is happy water.
10. **Clean Microwave and Dishwasher Filters**
Give those filters a good clean. They’ll appreciate the attention, and you’ll get cleaner dishes!
11. **Lubricate Slide-Out and Window Seals**
Keep those seals lubricated to avoid leaks and ensure everything slides in and out like butter.
12. **Check for Areas that Need Re-Caulking**
Inspect for cracks that need re-caulking. Your RV’s way of staying dry and cozy.
13. **Clean A/C Filter and Air Returns**
A clean A/C filter means cooler temperatures and less sneezing. Win-win!
14. **Check Pin Box Bolts (for Fifth Wheels)**
Tighten those bolts like you’re fixing a wobbly table. A tight pin box means less jiggle.
15. **Check Roof Sealant for Cracks**
Inspect the roof sealant for any cracks. Think of it as checking for leaks in your raincoat.
16. **Check for Loose Screws on Ladder, Trim Pieces, etc.**
Tighten loose screws before they become big problems. A tight screw is a happy screw!
17. **Clean Solar Panels**
Keep your solar panels spotless to ensure they soak up every ray of sunshine. Shine on!
18. **Check Breakaway Cable**
Ensure the breakaway cable is in tip-top shape. It’s your safety net in case things go awry.
19. **Lubricate Gray and Black Tank Handles**
Keep those handles lubed up for smooth operation. No one likes a sticky situation!
20. **Check Fridge Water Line for Leaks**
Inspect the fridge water line to prevent any leaks. You want cold drinks, not puddles.

**Quarterly Maintenance (Every 3 Months or 2500 Miles): Your RV’s Spa Day**

Every three months (or after 2500 miles), give your RV a spa day with these essential tasks:

1. **Check Battery Cables and Terminals**
Inspect and clean the battery cables. Keep them sparkling and connected for uninterrupted power.
2. **Sanitize Fresh Water Tank**
Clean and sanitize your fresh water tank. Fresh, clean water is a must for all your adventures.
3. **Inspect/Clean Max Air Vents**
Ensure your Max Air vents are clear and clean. Good ventilation means less stuffy air.
4. **Clean Interior Fridge Coils and Exterior Vents**
Clean the fridge coils and vents. They’ll thank you with cool, fresh food.
5. **Clean Heat Vents**
Keep the heat vents clean to avoid dusty blasts. A clean vent is a warm and cozy vent.
6. **Change Batteries for RV Door Lock**
Replace the batteries in your RV door lock. Don’t get locked out of your own home!
7. **Check RV Tire Lug Nuts**
Ensure lug nuts are tight. It’s like giving your tires a firm handshake.
8. **Lubricate Compartment and Door Locks**
Apply some lube to keep locks smooth and easy. No more wrestling with stubborn doors!
9. **Check Brake Caliper Bolts Tight**
Tighten brake caliper bolts. Your brakes will appreciate the extra attention.
10. **Check Cable Slides are Attached**
Ensure cable slides are firmly attached. You don’t want any surprises when you extend your slides.
11. **Check Slideout Arm Brackets Tight**
Tighten slideout arm brackets to prevent any wobbly moments. Stability is key!
12. **Check Spare Tire Pressure**
Make sure your spare tire is properly inflated. It’s your backup plan in case of emergencies.
13. **Check for Signs of Water Intrusion or Soft Spots in Flooring**
Inspect for any water damage or soft spots. Better to catch it early than deal with a soggy mess later.

**Semi-Annual Maintenance (Every 6 Months or 5000 Miles): Your Rig’s Big Check-Up**

Every six months (or after 5000 miles), perform these tasks to keep your RV in top shape:

1. **Inspect Wheel Bearings (Re-pack Every 10,000 Miles)**
Check and re-pack wheel bearings to keep them rolling smoothly. It’s like giving your wheels a spa day!
2. **Clean Awning Fabric**
Scrub your awning fabric to prevent mildew. A clean awning is a happy awning!
3. **Change Water Filters**
Replace water filters to keep your water fresh and clean. No one likes a funky taste!
4. **Lubricate Axles**
Apply some grease to the axles. Lubricated axles mean smoother rides.
5. **Lubricate Suspension**
Keep the suspension system lubricated. It’ll keep your ride smooth and your RV’s bounce in check.

**Annual Maintenance: The Big Reveal**

Once a year, give your RV a comprehensive check-up with these tasks:

1. **Inspect Brakes, Suspension, Shocks**
Do a thorough inspection of brakes, suspension, and shocks. It’s your RV’s way of saying, “Thanks for keeping me safe!”
2. **Check LPG System and Propane Regulator**
Inspect the LPG system and regulator to ensure they’re in top shape