

## Preparing the Holding Tanks for Storage

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**Q:** When the RV is not being used for multiple weeks/months, should we just leave the holding tanks in the prepared state (probiotic added and 1/4 fill)?

**R:** **IF** the ambient [outside] temperature is forecasted to remain **above** 40 Degrees Fahrenheit, there are two efficient "Storage" possibilities:

1. Leave the holding tanks in the 1/4 Fill "Prepared" (as advocated in the *Understanding Your RV's "HOLDING TANKS"* Primer) state. Now, your holding tanks are ready to travel any time you are.
2. If you are not planning on using the RV for an extended period of time and you want the probiotic to "work" on all the surfaces of both tanks, then, after adding the Tank Techs Rx probiotic to each tank, fill each tank to a 3/4 Fill or Completely-Full state. This will allow the aerobic bacteria to reach the majority (or all, if full) of the interior tank surfaces and, thus, enable them to "attack" any waste material adhering to the upper surfaces of a tank. **NOTE:** Either of these fill levels should be "dumped and re-prepared" prior to using the tanks or traveling with the extra weight. (See my "Blog" entry about "Using a Probiotic Treatment While Traveling.")

**CAUTION:** Do **not** leave any water in any tank if the ambient temperature is expected to drop **below** 40 Degrees – damaging freeze hazard is possible! (All "winterizing" precautions should be accomplished prior to storing any RV in temperatures expected to drop below 40° F.)

Hope this helps.

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