

Preparing Your Holding Tanks for Storage

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

Reply: 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" state (as advocated in the *Understanding Your RV's "HOLDING TANKS"* Primer). 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 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. (Please 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 Fahrenheit – damaging freeze hazard is possible! (All "winterizing" precautions should be accomplished before storing any RV in temperatures expected to drop below 40° F.)

I hope this helps.

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