

Water in the Black Tank after Draining

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Question: I attended your seminar at Lazydays in Tampa and purchased all your beneficial books. I have a question about my black tank - it still has water in it after being thoroughly cleaned and drained. Every time I open the cap, more water runs out - even after 8 months of being in storage. Do you have any idea what is wrong?

Reply: Without knowing which type of RV you have, I can only provide two possible causes.

The first is detailed within the "Holding Tanks" book. Check the Index for the page containing information about a "Belly Bulge." The second has to do with a naturally occurring phenomenon called condensation. Whenever a holding or fresh water tank is left "empty" for any period (you mentioned 8 months in storage), the air in the empty tank heats up during the warmth of the day. And, when the outside air is cooler than the air inside the tank (typically early in the pre-dawn morning), condensation droplets will appear on the tank's warmer (interior) side. (**Comment:** It's the same as the dew forming on the windshield of the warmer interior of your car.) Over some time, the condensation will accumulate into a significant amount of pooled water. (p.s. This same thing happens inside any fuel tank that is not topped off.)

I hope this helps.

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