

What an RV is NOT. . .

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As a matter of practice, I always start every one of my RVing seminars with this simple but often unrealized fact, ***"Ladies and Gentlemen, a Recreational Vehicle (RV) is NOT a House and should not be treated or ignored as though it was!"***

Although many RV owners want to use their motorhome, travel trailer, or 5th wheel trailer as though it were a house, it certainly is not! The interior of an RV may look and feel like a house, but, foremost, the RV can move from place to place while a house cannot. This movement capability has its own significant set of issues.

The RV-specific appliances (refrigerator, furnace, water heater, and air conditioner) resemble house appliances. Still, they are neither built the same nor function the same. Therefore, it's essential to know just "how" they do work.

The RV's 120 Volt electrical capability is very different than a typical three-bedroom house – a 50 Amp RV is 50% less capable, and a 30 Amp RV is 85% less capable. This reduced capability demands a need for understanding the inherent limitations, as well as the need for "whole RV electrical protection."

The RV's 12 Volt "house" battery system is nothing like a typical car battery system. As the most significant single system in any RV, it requires much more attention and maintenance.

The RV's bio-waste system is nothing like a typical domestic septic tank system but is, in reality, just a simple "temporary" holding system. If you avoid dealing with this system properly, it's likely to become "unhealthy." And if it does, it's more than likely you won't be healthy for long.

Furthermore, let's not overlook the simple fact that no single RV manufacturer has ever designed or constructed any RV to be lived in permanently, like a house.

And finally, every RV built requires much more maintenance than any house on the market! Yep, that's right, there is no such thing as a maintenance-free RV. That's because RVs aren't designed or built to be a "durable good," as evidenced by the fact that all RVs have a warranty period that is much shorter than the least expensive new car on today's market.

So..., now that you have a clue that the two "living spaces" are dissimilar, there may be some unaccustomed responsibilities that you will be required to accomplish when dealing with an RV.

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