

RV Storage Tips

The following steps can be taken to protect your RV while in storage. Additionally, specific procedures recommended by the RV manufacturer, chassis manufacturer and appliance producers should be closely considered. For the best long term care, store your vehicle in an area protected from the sun's harmful rays. A storage unit with a roof is recommended.

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- Review owner's manual for engine, LP gas, generator, water heater and sanitation system storage tips.
- Remove all perishable food from cabinets.
- Turn off refrigerator. Verify all power sources are off by checking 12 volt, 110 volt and LP gas.
- Remove all food from the refrigerator. Clean the inside, and leave the door open to ventilate.
- Clean rooftop and air conditioner filters, and cover the outside unit.
- Clean the interior of the RV. Pull shades, and close blinds.
- Turn off the propane cylinders, and cover the regulator.
- Cover or tape vents to the furnace and range hood for long-term storage.
- Ensure all roof vents and windows are closed. Prevent condensation if necessary by using chemical-type dehumidifiers.
- Check tire pressure, and cover the tires, if they will be exposed to the sun.
- Inspect roof, body, interior, soft molding and caulking.
- Service locks with spray lubricant to prevent rust and freezing.
- Remove batteries. Store batteries in an area not subject to freezing, and test them periodically. Charge if necessary.
- In motorhomes, check all operating fluid levels under the hood, and top off the gasoline tank. Add a fuel stabilizer.
- Empty and thoroughly rinse all holding tanks. **In winter**, all water tanks, lines and pumps should be drained and filled with non-toxic RV antifreeze to keep any remaining water from freezing the system. **Never use automobile antifreeze of any kind in your water system!**