



Caravan, Camper, Trailer Travel-Packing Checklist

Feel free to add to this checklist where required to suit your own personal circumstances and operating conditions.

- Water, Fresh Fill Main, Auxiliaries, Jugs
- Propane, LP, Cooking Fuel Full
- Batteries Charged
- First Aid Kit
- Tool Kit:
 - Screw Drivers (+, -, Torx, Square)
 - Sockets & Drivers
 - Opened / Closed End Wrench Set(s)
 - Adj Crescent Wrenches [a.k.a., "Universal Socket Set"]
- Electrical Repair Kit:
 - Wire, Fuses, Crimping Tool
 - Taps, Connectors (Butt & Y / Fork)
 - Cutting-Stripping Tool
 - Tape
 - Conduction Test Light / Tool, Multi Meter
- Test Lighting (Brake, Head, Signal, Position, ...)
- Wire Cleaner / Contact Electrical Spray (good stuff)
- Tow Rope / Strap / Cable
- Fire Extinguisher (Always & Only ABC rated)
- Plastic Drain Bucket (for Older Models)
- Large Plastic Boxes (Clear Stackable Best)
- Wheel Blocks, Chalks, Lifts
- Water Hose
- Sewer Hose
- Rubber Gloves for Sanitary Work
- Electric Cord, Extension, Connection
- Electric Outlet-Plug Type Converter
- Level(s)
- Flash Light (Tested, with Spare Bulb & Batteries)
- Short Handle Shovel
- Pick or Pry Bar
- Axe
- Spare Fuel Container
- Funnel (Long neck/flex tube for 90 degree bend)
- Folding Chairs / Stools
- Clean Up:
 - Broom
 - Dust Pan
 - Mop
 - Bucket
 - Sponges
- Cleaning Solution:
 - Floor
 - Window (Vinegar Good, Ammonia Bad - ruins some window tinting finishes)
- Sewage
- Flares
- Water Cans / Jugs
- Long Gas Lighter / Matches



- [] Hitch with pin and appropriate sized Ball Mount(s)
- [] Class III Ride Leveling Hardware, Ride/Mount Leveling System :
- [] Block Chain Pull Down Lever
- [] Tongue Attachment Blocks with Chain
- [] Connecting Torsion Bar
- [] Sleeping Gear:
- [] Sheets
- [] Pillows
- [] Blankets
- [] Throw Pillows
- [] Sign(s): Occupied, Family Name, Home, Hobby
- [] Flag, Holiday Flag(s), Banner
- []
- []

Camper / Trailer Setup Checklist:

- [] Level Camper / Trailer / RV
- [] Block Wheels
- [] Set Brake
- [] Set Jack Stands / Hydraulic Leveler
- [] External Connections:
- [] Communications, SAT, TV, Phone, Modem
- [] Electricity
 - CAUTION:** Be sure to
TEST that the AC Electrical Current is Running.
Some site guardians and previous site occupants turn off the electrical outlet by disconnecting the **Circuit Breaker.**
 - WARNING:** We have returned to our RV or Camper, after leaving it secured in a camp ground, only to discover that the electricity was not running - The battery was run dry, food had spoiled, and the environment wasn't comfortable until 2 AM (all because the electricity wasn't test validated as operating correctly).
 - Test Method:** We typically operate a hair dryer as absolute proof that the AC current is working fully.
- [] Clean Water
- [] Waste
- [] Dirty Water
- [] Appliances (Setting / ON):
- [] Propane
- [] Water Pump
- [] Water Heater
- [] Space Heater (Set Thermostat)
- [] Refrigerator
- [] To Remove Vehicle from Trailer:
- [] Jack / Tongue In Proper Position
- [] Disconnect Electr Plug
- [] Safety Chain
- [] Unblock Veh / Block Trailer
- [] Move Vehicle



- [] Adjust Air Shocks
- [] Reposition Jack / Tongue
- [] Lower / Set Stairs / Steps
- []
- []

Camper / Van Break Camp Checklist:

- [] Reconnect Vehicle:
 - [] Note Vehicle Fuel Status
 - [] Clear Obstacles between Trailer and Tow Vehicle
 - [] Check Receiver Lock(ed) or Pin in with Safety Clip
 - [] Position Jack / Tongue Height
 - [] Position Bumper / Ball / Hitch
 - [] Connect Vehicle
 - [] Validate actual hitch-ball connection, hitch lock down, then lock safety pin with a keyed trailer lock
 - [] Connect Safety Chains (cross under hitch)
 - [] Connect Electrical Plug
 - [] Unblock Vehicle Wheel / Block Trailer Wheels for re-connection
- [] Reposition / Stow Jack / Wheel, Crank Handle Secure
- [] Adjust Air Shocks
- [] Appliances (Setting / OFF):
 - [] Note Propane and Electrical Levels / Status
 - [] Propane
 - [] Water Pump
 - [] Water Heater
 - [] Space Heater (Set Thermostat)
 - [] Refrigerator (Off or Switch to 12v DC)
 - [] Lights (Inside & Out)
- [] External Disconnections:
 - [] Electricity (110v)
 - [] Clean Water
 - [] Waste
 - [] Dirty Water
 - [] Communications, SAT, TV, Phone, Modem
 - [] ALL Antennas Down / Stowed
 - [] Drain Bucket if used
 - [] Check / Verify Status of Electrical Service Panel
- [] Stow:
 - [] Blocks
 - [] Loose Stuff
 - [] Steps
 - [] External Electric Cord
 - [] Lift Jack / Stands / Hydraulic Levelers
 - [] Brake Off, Emergency Brake Off
 - [] Test Lights, Turn Signals, Brakes
- [] Walk Around Inspection:
 - [] **Hint:** 25% of the time, a walk around inspection finds something



- Hint:** Don't forget to walk around at the dump station too!
- [] Vehicle
 - [] Camper Tie Downs, Doors, Panels
 - [] Frame Mounts on Trailer Tongue
 - [] Roof Line
 - [] Position / Extend Vehicle Mirrors
 - [] Grounds, Camp Site
 - []
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Some further notes:

Don't forget the kids. (also kids gear for swimming, playing, riding etc)

- (1) **CAUTION:** When about to camp in Cold environments, when you can, fill water containers with Hot Water. Sometimes the container needs to be warmed up before filling with Hot Water.
CAUTION: Water Always Freezes at 0° C, but at higher altitudes with dry humidity, it feels warmer!
WARNING: Water Boils at lower temperatures at higher altitudes, which is potentially both a sanitation and cooking issue (air pressure). At sea level water boils at 212° F or 100° C - As a rule of thumb, for every 500 Feet elevation (or 150 Meters), water boiling temperature drops 1° F (or .5° C).

- (2) **CAUTION:** When camping in hot environments, ensure you have planned ahead to include essential items like water, fuel, gas etc. Also take care to locate where your camper is best protected from the elements.
WARNING: During hot periods in tropical climates it is common to experience wild or flash storms that are often cyclonic and cause much damage. Check you have insurance cover and every precaution is taken to avoid exposure to such weather conditions while travelling or camping.

- (3) **SAFETY:** Always apply safety procedures to your pre trip planning and during the trip. There are many things to consider when travelling that a simple safe approach to everything needs to be applied in appropriate measure. You should expect to have a great time and some thoughtful preparation at each stage will ensure this occurs.