

# RV Departure Checklist - All Types

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Essential pre-travel checklist for leaving any campsite safely.

## Interior Preparation

- Retract all slide-outs (check exterior clearance - EXPENSIVE DAMAGE RISK)
- Secure all loose items in cabinets and drawers (road vibration)
- Latch refrigerator door and secure contents (prevents spills/damage)
- Close all interior cabinet doors and ensure latches work
- Turn off propane at tanks AND appliances (double safety check)
- Close and secure all windows and roof vents (weather protection)

## Utility Disconnection

- Turn off water pump and close tank valves
- Disconnect and stow electrical cord (check for damage)
- Disconnect and stow sewer hose (rinse if needed, cap both ends)
- Disconnect and drain water hose last (prevents freezing)
- Disconnect cable TV if connected
- Close and lock all exterior utility compartments

## Final Safety Checks

- Retract awning completely and secure (HIGH WIND DAMAGE RISK)
- Retract all leveling jacks and stabilizers completely
- Check tire pressure including spare (BLOWOUT PREVENTION)
- Test trailer lights and turn signals (LEGAL REQUIREMENT)

- Do complete 360-degree walk-around inspection
- Check hitch connection and safety chains (DETACHMENT PREVENTION)
- Confirm nothing left at campsite (check fire pit, picnic table)

## Common Departure Mistakes to Avoid

- Don't forget to retract TV antenna (expensive replacement)
- Check that no one is inside RV when retracting slides
- Verify all windows and vents are closed (rain damage)
- Don't leave water heater on electric when disconnecting
- Take final photo of campsite (Leave No Trace verification)
- Check weather forecast for departure route