

# RV Setup - Full Hookup Campgrounds

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Complete setup checklist for RVs at campgrounds with water, electric, and sewer.

## Arrival & Positioning

- Check site for low branches, power lines, or hazards (DAMAGE PREVENTION)
- Position RV for easy utility access and emergency exit
- Set parking brake and level the RV (ALWAYS level side-to-side FIRST)
- Deploy stabilizing jacks or wheel chocks (check weight rating)
- Extend slide-outs only after confirming level (check clearance first)
- Unhitch trailer if applicable (safety chains last off, first on)

## Utility Connections

- Take photo of electrical pedestal before connecting (documentation)
- Connect electrical with surge protector (30/50 amp - NEVER use extension cords)
- Connect fresh water hose with pressure regulator (prevents burst lines)
- Connect sewer hose with proper downward slope (gravity flow essential)
- Turn on water pump OR switch to city water (never both simultaneously)
- Test all electrical connections and GFCI outlets before use

## Final Setup & System Checks

- Turn on propane and test gas detector before using appliances
- Switch refrigerator to electric mode (more efficient on hookups)
- Deploy awning only if wind under 15mph (HIGH DAMAGE RISK above)
- Set up outdoor furniture and secure loose items

- Test all systems (lights, water pressure, outlets)
- Check cell phone signal and locate campground WiFi info

## Pro Tips & Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Keep hose nozzle higher than RV inlet to prevent backflow
- Never drink from fresh water tank without sanitizing first
- Check that generator is OFF before connecting shore power
- Use wheel chocks even on level sites (prevents rolling)
- Test propane detector monthly - it can save your life
- Keep fresh water hose in shade to prevent hot water surprises