

# Van & Class B Camper Setup

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Setup checklist for campervans, Class B motorhomes, and converted vans.

## Parking & Basic Setup

- Choose level parking spot with good access and legal overnight parking
- Set parking brake and engage emergency brake (engine off completely)
- Level van using blocks or ramps if needed (fridge efficiency)
- Open doors/windows for ventilation (prevent condensation buildup)
- Deploy side or rear awning if equipped (wind speed under 15mph)
- Set up outdoor furniture maintaining low profile if stealth camping

## Power & Systems

- Connect to shore power if available (test with surge protector)
- Check battery levels and charging status (12.6V+ fully charged)
- Set up portable solar panels if equipped (angle for maximum sun)
- Test all 12V systems and LED lighting (conserve power)
- Switch refrigerator to appropriate power mode (shore vs battery)
- Plan power management for stay duration (avoid deep discharge)

## Living Space Configuration

- Convert seating to bed mode if needed (practice before trip)
- Set up interior storage organization for daily access
- Deploy privacy screens or window covers (security & comfort)
- Set up outdoor cooking and dining area (fire safety outdoors)

- Test water pump and check fresh/gray tank levels
- Organize gear for easy daily access without unpacking everything

## Van Life Pro Tips

- Park facing east to catch morning sun on solar panels
- Use reflective window covers to regulate temperature
- Keep a low profile in urban areas (stealth camping)
- Have backup camping spots researched (Plan B locations)
- Use apps like Campendium, FreeRoam for legal camping spots
- Keep basic tools accessible for quick roadside fixes