

Bringing Your New RV Home Checklist

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Driving and Towing Preparation

- **Seriously consider taking an RV Driving/Towing class if you are new to RVing**
- Practice driving or towing in a safe area before a long trip.
- Know your RV's height, weight, and turning radius.
- Perform a complete pre-trip inspection (tires, lights, slides, hookups).
- Use mirrors and blind spot cameras if available.
- Understand wide turns and braking distances.

RV Systems Familiarization

- Learn how to operate the water pump and monitor tank levels.
- Test and sanitize your fresh water system.
- Check the city water connection and use a pressure regulator.
Order here <https://amzn.to/48gZ83I>
- Understand water heater operation (propane/electric).
- Locate and test your water heater bypass and low point drains.

Electrical System Checks

- Know your shore power connection (15A, 30A, 50A).
- Use a surge protector or EMS system.
Order here 30 amp <https://amzn.to/3Imm9aT>
Order here 50 amp <https://amzn.to/3l0oYs8>
- Test all 120V and 12V systems (lights, outlets, appliances).
- Understand battery monitoring and converter/inverter usage.
- If equipped, test generator and solar charging.

Propane and Waste Systems

- Turn on propane and test all propane appliances.
- Test your propane detector and CO detector.
- Practice dumping black and gray tanks safely and hygienically.
- Use RV-specific toilet paper and tank treatments. (optional, research and make an informed decision for your RV) Toilet paper link <https://amzn.to/3K5w8Sy>
RV Tank treatment link <https://amzn.to/3VlymzH>

- Add holding tank chemicals after dumping. (optional, research and make an informed decision for your RV)

Planning and Performing a Shakedown Trip

- Select a campground within 1-2 hours of home with full hookups.
- Test every system (water, power, propane, waste, HVAC).
- Practice leveling, backing in, and connecting/disconnecting utilities.
- Refine your packing list and identify missing items.
- Take notes on issues or noises for troubleshooting later.

Packing Essentials and Safety

- Bring sewer hose kit, leveling blocks, surge protector, and tool kit.
Sewer hose link <https://amzn.to/3K5w7hs>
Sewer hose leveling kit <https://amzn.to/4nwl4fj>
- Pack personal essentials: clothes, kitchenware, toiletries, meds.
- Include emergency contacts and important documents in your RV.
- Double-check registration, insurance, and emergency gear.
- Use a checklist before departure and return trips.

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