

# **RV Departure Checklist**

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### **Exterior & Utilities**

- ☐ **Dump/Flush Holding Tanks (if needed):**
  - ☐ Black tank (dump and flush thoroughly).
  - ☐ Grey tank (dump).
  - ☐ Stow sewer hose and connections.
- ☐ **Unhook Shore Power:** Disconnect electrical cable from pedestal and stow.
- ☐ **Unhook City Water:** Disconnect water hose from pedestal and stow.
- ☐ **Unhook Cable/Satellite TV (if applicable):** Disconnect and stow.
- ☐ **Stow Leveling Jacks:** Retract all leveling jacks completely.
- ☐ **Retract Awnings:** Ensure all awnings are fully retracted and secured.
- ☐ **Close/Secure All Compartment Doors:** Double-check all exterior storage bays are latched.
- ☐ **Close/Secure All Windows & Roof Vents:** Ensure they are fully closed and locked.
- ☐ **Antenna/Satellite Dish Down:** Retract any TV or satellite dishes.
- ☐ **Check Tires:**
  - ☐ Visual inspection for damage/low pressure.
  - ☐ Check tire pressure with gauge
- ☐ **Check Lug Nuts:** Ensure they are tight (especially after maintenance).
- ☐ **Disconnect Chocks/Blocks:** Remove wheel chocks and leveling blocks.
- ☐ **Secure Entry Steps:** Ensure steps are fully retracted and latched.

**□ Hitch/Tow Vehicle Connection (if applicable - for travel trailers/fifth wheels):**

- Securely hitch to tow vehicle.
- Connect safety chains.
- Connect breakaway cable.
- Connect electrical umbilical cord.
- Test lights (brake, turn, running).
- Ensure hitch pin/latch is secure.

## **Interior**

**□ Secure All Loose Items:**

- Countertops cleared.
- Cabinets and drawers latched.
- Items in refrigerator/freezer secured or put away.
- Shower items secured.
- Anything that can slide or fall during travel.

**□ Close & Latch Refrigerator/Freezer Doors:** Ensure they are securely closed.

**□ Turn Off Water Pump:** If using fresh water tank.

**□ Turn Off Propane Appliances:** Stove, oven, water heater, refrigerator (if running on propane).

**□ Set Refrigerator to DC Mode (if applicable):** If you want it to run while driving.

**□ Turn Off All Interior Lights:**

**□ Close Curtains/Blinds:** For privacy and sun protection.

- ☐ **Lock Entry Door from Inside:** Before stepping out for final exterior checks.
- ☐ **Check Bathroom Fan/Vent:** Ensure it's off and closed.
- ☐ **Ensure TV/Electronics are Secured/Stowed:**

## **Pre-Drive & Safety**

- ☐ **Check Mirrors:** Adjust if necessary.
- ☐ **Seatbelts Secured:** For all passengers.
- ☐ **Dash Clear:** No loose items on dashboard.
- ☐ **Parking Brake Off:**
- ☐ **Headlights On (if needed):**
- ☐ **Check Fuel Level:**
- ☐ **Check Fluid Levels (Engine Oil, Coolant, Brake Fluid - especially for motorhomes):** Quick visual check.
- ☐ **Review Route/GPS:**

## **Final Walk-Around (Before pulling away)**

- ☐ **Walk around the entire RV:** Look for anything forgotten, unlatched, or dragging.
- ☐ **Check Underneath:** Look for anything hanging down or leaking.
- ☐ **Ensure Tow Vehicle is Ready (if applicable):** Lights working, hitch secure.
- ☐ **Confirm No Obstructions:** Clear path to exit.

## **Personal & Miscellaneous**

- ☐ **Keys:** RV ignition keys, compartment keys.
- ☐ **Wallet/ID/License:**
- ☐ **Phone/Charger:**
- ☐ **Medications:**
- ☐ **Glasses/Sunglasses:**
- ☐ **Snacks/Drinks for the Road:**
- ☐ **Navigation/Maps:**
- ☐ **Garbage Emptied:**
- ☐ **Pets Secured (if traveling with them):**