

BREAKING DOWN RV CAMP

At the campsite, there are basic steps to breaking down camp and preparing the RV for road travel:

- Turn **OFF** the water heater.
- Dump and flush all tanks if connected to a full-service campsite. Dump and flush the waste tanks at an appropriate dump station if not available on campsite. Chemically treat the tanks for storage.
- CLOSE** the holding tank gate valves and secure the drain termination cap.
- Disconnect and clean the sewer hose and place it in storage.
- Fully retract the leveling jacks and visually confirm they are completely up. Store leveling foot pads if used.
- Verify Suspension Air Bags (if equipped) are fully inflated and motorhome is level.
- Disconnect the water hose from the RV and the external water source. Replace the connection cap. Store the hose.
- Turn **OFF** water pump.
- Turn **OFF** the LP gas supply.
- Turn LPG controls on appliances **OFF**.
- Snap the range hood vent closed if applicable.
- Turn **OFF** remaining appliances including air conditioner, furnace, televisions, radios.
- Prepare refrigerator as required for traveling.
- Disconnect television coax cables if connected to a full-service campsite.
- Lower television antenna. Turn OFF signal amplifier.
- Lower roof vents and exhaust fans. Turn OFF.
- Close all windows.
- Secure wall swing mounted TV.
- Verify that all free-standing equipment and furniture inside the RV is secured into place.
- Check that nothing heavy is stored in overhead or high cabinets, which could fall out and cause injury. Heavy items should be stored in lower cabinets.
- Return galley flip up counter shelf to its vertical position.
- Check that counter tops, range top, and shelves are clear of even small items that could become projectiles during an emergency braking or an accident.
- Verify that all interior passage doors, shower doors, sliding mirror doors, etc., are secured and latched.
- Verify that all cabinet doors, drawers and items within are secured and latched.
- Retract the awning.
- Turn OFF the main 120VAC breaker in the power center.
- Turn OFF 12VDC interior lights.

- Clean debris from slide out roofs. Verify there are no internal obstructions to retraction. **Close the slide outs.**
- Disconnect the power cord from the shore power. Store the power cord and surge protector.
- Remove the wheel chocks.
- Check tire pressure.
- Secure stowage in exterior storage compartments.
- Close and lock all exterior storage compartment doors.
- Verify that all taillights, brake lights, headlights and turn signal lights are functioning properly.
- Check the campsite for items left behind. Make sure that you leave it clean and safe for the next campers.
- Close the entry door securely and lock for travel.
- Adjust window coverings for driver visibility.

The last few things you need to do before getting on the road

Adjust the driver's seat so that you can easily reach and operate all controls. Make sure the seat is locked in position.

Check the side-view mirror position. If needed, have someone help adjust the mirror from the outside, while you view the mirror position from the driver's seat. Doing so will ensure that the mirror is in the correct position for your height. The RV is equipped with a back-up camera (or rear vision) system, check that the turn indicators activate the applicable left or right side cameras.

As you sit in the driver's seat, you will notice that you sit up higher and further to the left than in a passenger car. Your perspective of the road will also be different. Due to the driver's seat location and the configuration of the motorhome, you will need to rely more on the outside mirrors than if you were driving a passenger car. Needless to say at 32 feet the RV is longer and heavier than a passenger car, therefore be extra observant and cautious when making turns, pulling into traffic, and the braking distance needed to stop safely.

Once all passengers are on-board, secure children in a federally approved child restraint and verify that all passengers have seat belts on properly.