



## WINTERIZING YOUR RV

# CHECKLIST

### Step 1: Draining Your RV

- Remove and bypass any inline water filters.
- Drain fresh water, black and gray holding tanks.
- Flush black and gray holding tanks with built-in flushing system or use a cleaning wand. Lubricate termination valves with WD 40.
- Drain water heater by removing the drain plug and opening the pressure relief valve. **NEVER drain water heater when it's hot or pressurized.**
- Open all hot and cold faucets (don't forget outside shower and toilet valve!)
- Open low point drain lines
- Close all faucets and recap all drains.

### supplies

- water heater by-pass kit
- holding tank cleaning wand
- water pump converter kit
- RV antifreeze (2-3 gallons)
- wrench to remove drain plugs

### Step 2: Winterizing with Antifreeze

- Bypass the water heater.
- Install a water pump converter kit or disconnect the inlet side of the water pump.
- Connect tubing from the water pump inlet into a 1-gallon container of antifreeze.
- Turn on the water pump and allow system to pressurize. Starting with the closest faucet, gradually open hot and then cold valves until antifreeze trickles out. Replace the antifreeze jug as required.  
Repeat this step on all faucets from the closest to the farthest away.
- Flush the toilet until antifreeze appears in the bowl.
- Turn off the water pump and open a faucet to depressurize.
- Pour a cupful of antifreeze down each drain and a couple of cups in the toilet bowl and flush into the holding tank.

### Step 3: Preparing for Storage

- Make sure any electric heating elements are turned off.
- Double check that all faucets are closed.

