

WINTERIZATION CHECKLIST

Below is the list I use when I park/store the RV during the winter - anytime the temperature will dip below 30 for any prolonged amount of time.

Most up-to-date version with links here: <https://thoreuro.com/tips.html#winterizing>

PREPARE FOR WINTER STORAGE

- ☐ Top off the Diesel tank with winterized blend
- ☐ If temperature may drop below 12 degrees Fahrenheit, make sure you DEF tank is only half full.
Do NOT add any additives when storing or when coming out of storage
- ☐ Top off windshield washer fluid with winterized blend
- ☐ Prop refrigerator doors open with the plastic clips that are under each of the door's handles
- ☐ If the RV will not remain plugged into power, disconnect the house batteries and hook up trickle charger to chassis battery
- ☐ Remove all bottled liquids and canned foods from RV
- ☐ Disconnect the water
- ☐ Open the primary fresh water tank drain valve inside the water bay
- ☐ Open the two plumbing drain valves (hot and cold) inside the water bay
- ☐ Wait for all water to stop dripping from underneath RV
- ☐ Close the primary fresh water tank drain valve inside the water bay
- ☐ Turn ON water pump until no water comes out of two plumbing drain valves
- ☐ Turn OFF water pump
- ☐ Close the two plumbing drain valves
- ☐ TANK HOT WATER HEATERS: Drain the hot water tank - open the outside door, open the pressure relief valve, and remove the small white plug - STAND BACK! Hot water will flow!
- ☐ Remove the water filter under the kitchen sink and apply bypass plug
- ☐ Turn OFF all faucets and shower
- ☐ Replace the hot water tank drain plug and close the pressure relief valve
- ☐ Turn OFF the primary fresh water tank drain valve inside the water bay
- ☐ Turn OFF the two plumbing drain valves (hot and cold) inside the water bay
- ☐ Hook up compressor to your main water line using this attachment, set the compressor pressure to 50 PSI or less, and turn on compressor
- ☐ Open the kitchen sink HOT water and run until only air comes out. Close
- ☐ Open the kitchen sink COLD water and run until only air comes out. Close
- ☐ Do the same HOT then COLD in the bathroom sink
- ☐ Flush toilet until only air comes out
- ☐ Run toilet sprayer until only air comes out
- ☐ Open the shower HOT water and run until only air comes out. Close
- ☐ Open the shower COLD water and run until only air comes out. Close
- ☐ Open the outside shower HOT water and run until only air comes out. Close



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- ☐ Open the outside shower COLD water and run until only air comes out. Close
- ☐ Open the primary fresh water tank drain valve inside the water bay and switch the water fill lever to "tank fill" for about 10 seconds. Close and switch lever back

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- ☐ Open the HOT plumbing drain valve inside water bay until air comes out. Close
- ☐ Open the COLD plumbing drain valve inside water bay until air comes out. Close
- ☐ Repeat the above steps for kitchen sink, bathroom sink, toilet, shower, and outside shower
- ☐ Turn off the compressor and disconnect the flush attachment from the fill hose and, if you have a permanently mounted fill hose, cap the fill hose
- ☐ Add about two cups each of RV anti-freeze (the pink stuff) (Walmart also carries seasonally) to the kitchen sink drains (2), bathroom sink drain, and shower drain. Add about 4 cups to the toilet and flush, then add 2 cups and leave in toilet bowl

