

# Summer RV Prep Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure your camper is truly ready for summer — not just de-winterized, but dialed in for heat, heavy use, and longer trips.

## 1 ROOF, SEALS & SLIDE-OUT GASKETS

- Inspect roof front to back (use ladder if non-walkable)
- Check sealant around vents, A/C, antennas & sidewall seams
- Re-caulk any cracked or missing sealant
- Inspect A/C shroud for cracks or missing sections
- Verify A/C roof gasket is ~50% compressed
- Check slide-out rubber gaskets for cracking or tears
- Inspect exterior compartment latches & door seals

## 2 AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM

- Clean A/C air filter (warm water rinse; fully dry before reinstall)
- Run A/C for 30+ minutes on a warm day
- Listen for grinding, rattling, or short-cycling compressor
- Check for water dripping from ceiling assembly inside
- Confirm unit is cooling, not just circulating warm air
- Schedule professional A/C inspection if issues found

## 3 TIRE INSPECTION

- Check cold-inflation pressure (morning, before sun hits tires)
- Compare to owner's manual / tire placard — not sidewall max
- Inspect all sidewalls for UV cracking or dry rot
- Replace tires older than 5–7 years regardless of tread depth
- Confirm lug nuts are properly torqued
- Inspect spare tire — pressure & condition
- Test TPMS sensors if equipped

## 4 FRESH WATER SYSTEM

- Sanitize fresh water tank  
*¼ cup bleach per 16 gal · run to all faucets · soak several hrs · flush fully*
- Inspect under sinks & water heater for drips or soft spots
- Replace inline water filter cartridge

## 5 APPLIANCE TEST

- Run refrigerator 24 hrs before loading food for a trip
- Light all stovetop burners — steady, consistent flame on each
- Test oven ignition and temperature hold (if propane)
- Run microwave 30 sec with a cup of water
- Test water heater — check for soot around access panel
- Run generator 30–60 min under load  
*Keeps internals lubricated; confirms clean, stable power output*

## 6 SAFETY SYSTEMS

- Smoke detector — test & replace 9V battery
- CO detector — test, replace battery & check manufacture date  
*Replace unit if older than 4–7 years*
- LP gas detector — test & confirm within service life
- Fire extinguisher — needle in green zone, pin & seal intact

## 7 INTERIOR DEEP CLEAN & RESTOCK

- Check for pest signs (mice, insects) in cabinets & storage
- Inspect for mildew — under mattress, vents, corners
- Wipe all surfaces, mop floors, launder stored bedding
- Clear expired pantry items; restock dry goods
- Restock first-aid kit; check medication expiration dates
- Add sunscreen to supply list
- Inspect outdoor kitchen/grill LP connections & components

## 8 BOOK PROFESSIONAL INSPECTIONS

- LP gas pressure test (not a DIY task)
- 12V DC & 120V AC electrical system check
- Slide-out lubrication & inspection (annual)
- Professional A/C inspection (if not done this season)