



## 8 Steps to Winterizing Your RV

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With summer coming to an end and fall approaching fast it's never too early to start thinking about winterizing your RV for these cold months to come.

Winterizing your RV simply means you have taken the necessary steps to protect your campers plumbing and water system from the potential damage caused by freezing water.

Winterization only costs a small amount, but pays off big time in the long run!

### Step 1

Disconnect your outside water source. **Do not** drain the water heater until after you have filled your pipes with antifreeze.

### Step 2

Bypass your water heater and any under-sink water systems.

### Step 3

Open the petcock to drain as much water from your pipes as possible. Open water taps and flush the toilet to drain any and all water remaining in the system.

### Step 4

After draining as much water as possible, we recommended a blow out plug be attached to the water intake fitting. Apply air pressure from an air compressor to drain the remaining water. Blowing out the remaining water is not required, but the remaining water will dilute your antifreeze. Close all faucets and petcock when complete.

### Step 5

You can add antifreeze either from the inside using the water pump conversion kit or from the outside using a hand pump. Check your progress by opening up one faucet at a time, starting from the highest and working to the lowest point in the fresh water system. Begin with the kitchen faucet. **Open the HOT side of the faucet only.** Pump antifreeze until flow from the faucet becomes pink. This will indicate that all the water has been flushed from your system. Close the faucet. Repeat step on cold side. Continue to the next lower fixture. Usually the bathroom sink, then the shower and finally the toilet.

### Step 6

We recommend at least 2 pints of antifreeze into all sink & shower drains. The icemaker, washing machine and external shower will also need to be winterized. Look for this information in your appliance manuals.

### Step 7

Open the drain plug on the water heater and leave open.

### Step 8

Last, leave antifreeze in lines until spring. Do not drain.



## Other Winterization Tips

### Refrigerator

- Turn off completely, clean and dry inside and prop open door slightly
- Check condition of screening material underneath the refrigerator roof vent

### Range

- Turn off completely and clean and dry Electrical systems

### 12-Volt DC System

- Disconnect all batteries
- Fully charge if to be left in RV
- If batteries are to be left in RV disconnect negative cables for all batteries

### 120-Volt System

- Turn off breakers at distribution box
  - Unplug any 120-volt devices
- Miscellaneous Areas

### Roof

- Clean and cover including air conditioner
- Windows-Doors
- Check sealant around each

### Slide-outs

- Inspect rubber seals and keep slideouts in retracted position and disarm system

### Tires

- Place on jack or levelers to take weight off tires

### Awnings

- Clean and dry before retracting Undercarriage
- Inspect for any openings and cover if needed

If you have any questions or concerns about winterizing your trailer feel free to call Lakeshore RV at (877) 743-8010.

