



# The Ultimate RV Camping Checklist

- FULL HOOK-UP (WATER + SEWER + ELECTRIC)
- PARTIAL HOOK-UP (WATER + ELECTRIC ONLY)
- NO HOOK-UP / BOONDOCKING

## 1. RV-SPECIFIC ESSENTIALS

**(CHOOSE YOUR RV TYPE AND CHECK ONLY WHAT APPLIES)**  
**CLASS A & C MOTORHOMES:**

- WHEEL CHOCKS
- LEVELING BLOCKS OR HYDRAULIC LEVELING SYSTEM
- FRESH WATER HOSE (DRINKING WATER SAFE)
- SEWER HOSE + FITTINGS
- ELECTRICAL CORD + SURGE PROTECTOR
- EXTRA EXTENSION CORD (HEAVY DUTY)
- TIRE PRESSURE GAUGE & AIR COMPRESSOR
- SPARE FUSES
- TOOL KIT
- ENGINE OIL, COOLANT, EXTRA FLUIDS
- RV GPS OR MAPS

## **Class B (Camper Van):**

- Portable leveling blocks
- Compact fresh water hose
- Power cord & surge protector
- Collapsible sewer hose (if applicable)
- Compact tool kit
- Portable solar panels

## **5th Wheel:**

- 5th wheel hitch + locking pin
- Wheel chocks & stabilizers
- Leveling blocks
- Fresh water & sewer setup
- Electric cord & surge protector
- Hitch grease/lubricant

## Hitch Travel Trailer:

- Ball hitch + sway control / weight distribution bar
- Safety chains
- Wheel chocks
- Leveling blocks
- Fresh water & sewer setup
- Electric cord & surge protector

## 2. RV Park Type Extras

### Full Hook-Ups (●):

- Standard water hose
- Pressure regulator
- Sewer hose with clear elbow
- Gloves for dumping tanks

### Partial Hook-Ups (●):

- Portable gray/black water tank ("honey wagon")
- Sewer hose + secure caps
- Water-saving shower head

## **No Hook-Ups / Boondocking (●):**

- Full fresh water tank before arrival
- Extra portable water containers
- Portable generator + fuel OR solar
- Extra propane tanks
- Battery monitor system
- Water filter
- LED lanterns/headlamps
- Trash bags (pack in/out)
- Non-refrigerated foods

## **3. Food Planning**

*Formula: People × Meals/day × Days = Total meals (+1-2 emergency meals/person)*

- Dry goods (rice, pasta, oats, canned goods)
- Fresh produce (long-lasting: carrots, apples, potatoes)
- Protein (meat, eggs, beans, nuts)
- Snacks (granola bars, trail mix)
- Cooking oil/spices
- Coffee/tea
- Condiments
- Paper towels & wipes
- Cooler + ice (if needed)

## 4. Clothing Essentials

Formula: Days ÷ 2 = # of tops/bottoms (plus 1 warm layer, 1 rain set)

- Shirts/tanks
- Pants/shorts
- Underwear/socks
- Sleepwear
- Jacket/sweater
- Rain jacket/poncho
- Hiking shoes/sandals
- Hat/sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Gloves/scarf (cold weather)

## 5. Personal Hygiene

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Body wash/soap
- Razor & shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Hairbrush/comb
- Hand sanitizer
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Travel mirror
- Wet wipes
- RV-safe toilet paper
- First aid kit
- Prescription meds

## 6. Lifer Supply Maintenance

- Check tank levels weekly
- Keep propane topped up
- Rotate pantry stock
- Inspect roof/seals monthly
- Check tire pressure before travel
- Maintain battery water levels
- Sanitize fresh water system every 3–6 months
- Keep spare water filter cartridges
- Emergency stash:
  - 1 week shelf-stable food
  - 2–5 gallons water/person
  - Extra fuel & cash

## 7. Departure / Pack-Up Checklist

### Inside:

- Secure loose items
- Close/latch cabinets
- Empty trash
- Turn off propane (unless fridge on)
- Close windows/vents
- Lock fridge/freezer
- Store electronics/cords
- Sweep/vacuum

### Outside:

- Disconnect water → sewer → electric (in that order)
- Drain tanks & rinse sewer hose
- Store hoses & cords
- Retract awning
- Stow outdoor gear
- Pull in slides
- Retract stabilizers/jacks
- Remove wheel chocks
- Check lights/brakes
- Lock compartments
- Final walk-around