

VANESSA'S

RV Trip Checklist

THOR MOTOR COACH

Things To Do Before Leaving Home Base

- (Depending on the length of the trip) Stop the mail
- Empty the Trash
- Wash the dishes
- Clean & Straighten up the house
- Get some cash, just in case of emergencies
- Pack the RV
- Turn off water pump and hot water heater in house (We live out in the country and have a water pump that we don't like to leave on while we are gone, in case something would break, we wouldn't lose all of our water.)
- Double check all doors and windows are shut and locked
- Inform a family member of our plan so they can check on the house once or twice while we are gone

Things To Prepare Outside of the RV

- Check to make sure you have full fluids: coolant, oil, washer fluid, transmission, brake, tire pressure
- Check your tool kit is stocked
- Check to make sure you have all your hookups: water hose and filter – consider having 2 hoses and 2 filters – one short and one long (depending on where you hook up this will matter), sewage hose, heavy duty extension cord and surge protector, disposable gloves, sewage hose leveler/angler.
- Make sure you have all the internal items (listed below)
- Do a basic walk around: break lights work, headlights work, turn signals work
- If you are on the East Coast, don't forget your EZ-Pass for those pesky toll roads
- Make sure that all external and internal doors and compartments are secured and locked
- Check your towable vehicle (We don't have this yet, but always make sure that is hooked up properly and make sure all the lights work.)
- About a week prior to the trip, plug in the RV to get the fridge up to temp

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Things To Prepare In the RV

This list of things to prepare in the RV will go room by room (This is the easiest way I can organize my planning to make it most efficient. Also, this list does not consider items needed for traveling with children.) If this is the first trip of the year, most of the items will need brought back out to the RV as we don't leave much in it over the winter season. This would be the list for the first trip of the year.

- Bedroom
 - Clothes
 - Bedding
 - Pillows
 - Sleep Mask
- Bathroom
 - Toilet Paper
 - Shower accessories: shampoo, soap, washcloth, towels, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair dryer, hair brush
 - Medications and Medical Supplies: any prescription medications, basic first aid items
- Kitchen
 - Pots and Pans
 - Dishes: plates, silverware, cups
 - Dish Soap and Sponge
 - Specialty Cooking Items: slow cooker/pressure cooker, butcher knife or other knives, pizza cutter, tongs, large spoons, grill brush, drink cozies
 - Food & Drinks (Planning ahead and meal planning are the best ways to decide what to take and when you have too much)
 - Storage containers: plastic containers – only one or two, zip lock bags
 - Misc. Kitchen: dish towels, dish drainer, trash bags, matches or a lighter, broom or sweeper/vacuum, pot holders or oven mitts, paper towels, Windex, Clorox spray, and in the world of COVID, face coverings
- Living Room
 - Entertainment Items: movies, games, computer, PlayStation
 - Blankets and pillows for the couch
 - (Depending on the time of year) Heaters
 - Small fan

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- Dogs
 - Dog Food (We always plan for an extra 2 servings of food per dog in case we have to make an unexpected stop somewhere.)
 - Dog Treats
 - Dog Meds
 - Leashes and Harnesses and extra leashes just in case
 - Dog Beds and comfort items: stuffed animals or chew toys
 - Long leashes (Most state laws require 6 feet or less for a leash, but in some areas you can have a longer one to explore without a lot of people.)
 - Life jackets (In case they want to swim.)
 - Poop Bags (Always clean up after your pets!)
 - Your Papers: rabies vaccination papers and well animal papers
- Outside Items
 - Chairs
 - Grill and small propane bottles if needed or charcoal if needed
 - Citronella candles
 - Table
 - Emergency Roadside Kit
 - Outside Rug and stakes to tack it down
 - Floaties: inner tubes or rafts
 - Towels
 - Sunscreen
 - Aloe lotion (Just in case you get sunburn)
 - Other items such as kayaks (Depending on your ability to bring this)
 - Tools – Remember you are not only working on a car, but a house as well (Basic tool kit should include: hammer, screwdrivers, pliers, misc. hardware, zip ties, duct tape, wire ties, hose clamps of various sizes, assorted bungees, assorted drawer locks/latches, WD-40, work gloves)

Things To Do When Arriving to Your Campsite

These are things to do once you are parked and positioned at the utilities properly.

- Apply emergency brake, and if equipped with leveling system, level the vehicle (For the Thor Quantum, the vehicle must be running when you do this.) When you are done and level, you can turn the vehicle back off.

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- Utility Hook-Ups
 - Water (Be sure you have a pressure regulator and filter on the outside of the RV. KEEP THE GREY WATER TANK CLOSED – when you go to leave, you can use it to flush the line.)
 - Sewage
 - Cable
 - Electric (Make sure you have the surge protector between the box and the RV to protect all of the internal electronic devices.) When you are hooking this up, plug the surge protector ONLY into the panel at the campsite, turn the breaker on, check the surge protector to make sure the power is stable, turn the breaker off, plug the RV power into the surge protector, then turn the breaker back on.
- At this point if you have pop-outs, you can extend the pop-outs
- Scan TV channels if there is cable
- Get all outdoor stuff set up if needed: rug, grill, table, chairs
- RELAX! Enjoy your time wherever you are enjoying your RV

Things to Do When Leaving Your Campsite

These are things to do when you are getting ready to return to home base.

- Reverse the above list
- Get all the outdoor stuff cleaned up
- Turn TV off and secure it
- Retract pop outs
- Lift the leveling jacks
- Take all hook-ups off
 - Unhook sewage (Close black water valve, open the grey water valve to flush the sewage line, close grey water valve.)
 - Disconnect Cable
 - Disconnect water line (Depending on the length of the water hose, make sure you drain the hose before storage.)
 - Disconnect electric (Turn breaker off, remove surge protector and RV power from the campsite breaker box.)
- Secure all compartments and doors and items
- Take trash out
- (Unfortunately) Leave to return home