

# Camping Checklist - Pre-Trip

## **Plumbing** | perform week before to allow repair time

- Check all fittings, pressure and waste, for leaks before each trip or before vehicle storage as part of your normal maintenance.
- Inspect all faucet and sink connections (including drains).
- Inspect connections at the water pump and water heater.

## **Electrical** | perform week before to allow repair time

- Test the GFCI
  - ▶ Assumes the trailer is on shore power

## **Exterior** | perform week before to allow repair time

- Check propane tank levels, refill if necessary
- Inspect safety chains for wear
- Inspect breakaway cable for wear
- Inspect roof seals
  - ▶ Trim edges
  - ▶ Roof items
  - ▶ Slide-out
  - ▶ Windows / Doors
  - ▶ Storage compartments / access doors / wheel wells
  - ▶ Lights

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- Inspect awning — clean, if necessary
  - ▶ Use a medium bristle brush and soap and water. Wash both sides, roll up for 1/2 hour, unroll and rinse well.

## **Tow Vehicle Prep** | perform day before

- Remove any car seats, unless needed for the trip
- Install dog seat cover
- Strap down grill in truck bed
- Strap down collapsible wagon in truck bed
- Strap down firewood in truck bed, if applicable
- Save destination in truck navigation system

## **Special Equipment Prep** | perform day before

- Install bike rack on tongue frame and lock
- Stow bike rack hitch adapter
- Stow any special equipment or games for the trip

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## **Systems Check** | perform day before

- Vacuum bug screens (refrigerator, water heater, and furnace)
- Check tire pressures (including spare)
- Switch off refrigerator door blocks to allow doors to seal
- Turn on refrigerator to start to cool (AC power)
- Assure that powered antenna is off
- Assure that stereo is off
- Assure that gas stove is off
- Assure that oven is off
- Assure water heater is off
- Assure water pump is off
- Assure A/C and Furnace is off
- Turn off security camera and store in garage
- Install drain plug in water heater
- Fill fresh water tank, as needed
- Inspect all interior lights
- Turn off all lights not on the master switch
- Close all windows and raise blinds

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## **Stocking** | perform day before or day of departure

- Load bikes onto bike rack and install cover
- Stow bike helmets, batteries, and chargers
- Strap down TV on bed
- Stow dish soap and scrubber in kitchen sink
- Stow bathroom soap in sink
- Stow towels and bathroom personal totes in tub
- Strap down cooler in truck bed
- Stow perishable foods
- Stow clothing and towels
- Stow personal items
- Stow tech bag next to bed
- Install cupboard twist-ties
  - ▶ Stored in Hilltop cookie tin above couch
- Turn off master light switch

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## **Departure** | perform just before leaving

- Turn on gas for refrigerator
- Install tow vehicle end of Equal-i-zer hitch
- Lubricate friction surfaces of Equal-i-zer hitch
- Remove shore power
  - ▶ Turn off power at the pedestal
  - ▶ Disconnect power cord and wipe down cord as it is stored in bucket.
  - ▶ Store surge protector with cord in bucket.
  - ▶ Stow bucket inside at foot of bed or in bed of truck
- Set refrigerator to gas operation and verify that it has lit
- Install mirror extensions or change mirrors to tow position on Tow Vehicle
- If deployed, retract stabilizer jacks and stow blocks in passenger side storage
- Remove and stow X-braces
- Close oven fan vent
- Turn on LevelMate
- Stow steps
- Connect to tow vehicle with weight distributing hitch
  - ▶ Return hitch level using tongue jack to saved height per LevelMate
  - ▶ Move tow vehicle hitch ball under hitch
  - ▶ Lower hitch onto hitch ball
  - ▶ Latch and lock hitch
  - ▶ Attach safety chains
  - ▶ Attach 7-pin cable
  - ▶ Attach breakaway cable
  - ▶ Raise hitch using tongue jack until hitch bars can slide into place
  - ▶ Retract tongue jack fully and store block in driver side storage
  - ▶ Retract jack foot by pulling pin, sliding up, and replacing pin
- Turn off LevelMate

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- Lock door
- Pull trailer chocks and stow chocks in both side storage compartments
  - ▶ This could require moving the trailer slightly
- Lock storage compartment doors
- Check turn signals and brake lights
- Turn on running lights and check backup camera operation
- Depart