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# RV CARE

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## YOUR RV PARTS MAINTENANCE

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**Regular RV maintenance** is essential to ensure a safe and trouble-free road trip adventure. From monthly inspections to seasonal maintenance services, giving your [camper, travel trailer, or fifth wheel](#) a thorough check-up will not only prevent unexpected issues on the road but will also extend the lifespan of your RV.

Our handy **RV Parts Maintenance Checklist** will help you maintain your RV part by part and make it adventure-ready for your next getaway!

## RV Exterior Care



Your RV's exterior is susceptible to all kinds of wear and tear, especially due to exposure to natural elements from the sun, on the road, and in the wild. In addition to the checklist items below, regularly clean and rinse your vehicle and then wax it to protect it from these damage-causing elements.

- **Roof:** Inspect for any signs of damage, leaks, or loose seals. Clean and reseal seams and edges as needed.
- **Siding:** Check for dents, scratches, or damage. Repair or replace any damaged panels.
- **Windows and Seals:** Examine window seals for wear and tear: Lubricate window tracks and hinges.
- **Awning:** Inspect the awning for tears, mould, or damage. Clean and lubricate the awning mechanism.



Tire maintenance is considered a foundational element of your RV and can save you time and long-term damage.

- **Tire Pressure:** Check and maintain proper tire pressure, including the spare. Inspect for signs of wear, cracks, or bulges. Make sure all lug nuts are tightened.
- **Tire Tread:** Ensure the tire tread meets safety standards. Check the tread and walls for wear and tear or uneven tread, and rotate tires as recommended by the manufacturer.
- **Wheel Bearings:** Grease wheel bearings annually or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- **Wheel Alignment:** Check and adjust wheel alignment as needed.
- **Weight:** Check the manufacturer's gross axle weight rating (GAWR) for your RV, as well as the Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR).

## RV Brake Maintenance

Whether you're towing a travel trailer or driving a motorhome, regular RV brake inspections are crucial for road safety.

- **Brake Pads and Rotors:** Inspect brake pads and rotors for wear. Replace as needed.
- **Brake Fluid:** Check brake fluid levels and ensure there are no leaks. Top up or replace fluid as necessary.

## RV Suspension

Your RV's suspension is essential for getting around safely along the tough terrain throughout Sushwap.

- **Shocks and Struts:** Inspect shocks and struts for leaks or damage. Replace if necessary.
- **Suspension System:** Check for loose or damaged components. Lubricate moving parts as recommended.

## RV Undercarriage Maintenance

By inspecting, insulating and protecting your RV's undercarriage, you prevent freezing pipes and save money on energy costs year-round.

- **Exhaust System:** Inspect for leaks, rust, or damage. Repair or replace damaged components.
- **Frame:** Check the frame for rust, cracks, or damage. Treat and repair any issues.

## Electrical System

RVs use both AC and DC to power the components of your electrical system. The 12-volt DC system runs the electrical components of the engine and battery of your ride, while the 120-volt AC system runs all the typical appliances and power outlets found on most RVs.

- **Batteries:** Test and maintain RV and chassis batteries. Clean terminals and ensure proper connections.
- **Wiring:** Inspect all wiring for wear, damage, or loose connections. Repair or replace as necessary.
- **Lights:** Check all exterior and interior lights. Replace any burnt-out bulbs.

## RV Plumbing System

Your RV's plumbing system is arguably one of the most important aspects you'll want to monitor and ensure is functioning at its best before you begin your journey.

- **Water Heater:** Flush and clean the water heater tank. Check for leaks and ensure proper operation.
- **Water Pump:** Inspect for leaks and ensure proper water flow. Lubricate the pump if needed.
- **Pipes and Fittings:** Check all pipes and fittings for leaks. Replace any damaged components.
- **Toilet:** Inspect the toilet for leaks and proper flushing. Clean and sanitize as needed.



## RV Appliances

With so many amenities available in RVs these days, be sure to give each appliance a thorough inspection to ensure everything is in working order.

- **Refrigerator:** Clean the coils, check for proper cooling, and inspect seals.
- **Stove and Oven:** Test burners and oven for proper operation. Clean as needed.
- **Air Conditioner and Heater:** Clean filters, inspect for damage, and test for proper operation.

## Safety Equipment

Don't wait until it's too late to check your RV's safety equipment. The difference between needing new batteries and needing a repair could mean the difference between life and death.

- **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Test and replace batteries as needed.
- **Fire Extinguisher:** Ensure it is charged and accessible. Replace if expired.

## RV Interior Care

Do a thorough walkthrough of your RV's interior and check all the small things in and out. If you've just taken your RV out of storage, be sure to check for pesky pests seeking warmth through the winter season.

- **Seals and Gaskets:** Inspect interior seals around doors and windows for wear. Replace if necessary.
- **Furniture and Cabinetry:** Tighten loose screws, inspect for damage, and lubricate hinges.
- **Flooring:** Check for soft spots or damage. Repair or replace as needed.





# Get Ready for Your Next Adventure

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Following this parts maintenance checklist regularly will contribute to your RV's longevity and reliability. Remember to consult your RV's manual for specific maintenance intervals and manufacturer recommendations.

If you ever need assistance with your RV's maintenance, the team at [Country Camping RV](#) is at your service! We can provide a comprehensive inspection of your RV, winterization and de-winterization services, and much more!

Not to mention, if you've purchased an RV from our dealership, you can have even better peace of mind on your next adventure thanks to RV Care. As part of the [RV Care Community](#), you can access priority repair services, special savings, and more at independent RV dealerships across Canada and the United States.

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