

## *Storing your RV between camping trips*

- Shut off propane
- Shut off or disconnect battery power (12 volt)
- Empty waste tanks
- Empty refrigerator (doors ajar, baking soda)
- Check fresh water tank (drain only for extended storage)
- Close all windows and vents (consider a vent cover which allows air circulation but keeps water out)
- Close window coverings (out of sight, out of mind; also keeps coach cooler and protects from sun damage)
- Lock all doors (entry and storage)
- For travel trailers, consider a heavy duty lock for the tongue

## *Taking your RV out of storage and getting ready to travel*

- Plug into shore power
- Turn on 12 volt power (battery)
- Check all detectors: smoke, propane, carbon monoxide
- Turn on propane
- Purge air from propane lines by lighting stove burners (30 to 60 seconds) and activating furnace until hot air is produced, then shut off
- Light refrigerator first on propane; once you are assured it operates on Propane, switch to Auto (requires overnight to fully cool down)
- Check monitor panel (battery level, tank levels)
- Add water to fresh water tank as needed
- Turn on water pump, open cold faucet first, then hot, purge any air
- Light water heater
- Check tire pressure
- Check lights inside and out (including headlights, taillights, turn signals, clearance lights)
- Check all fluid levels in motorized RVs
- Check oil level in generator
- Before leaving, don't forget to perform a [Circle of Safety](#)
- Important: Propane is on to prepare coach; safety experts strongly urge traveling with propane turned off.