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Winter storage for your Airstream.

Here are some quick tips that you may want to consider.

- Wash and wax your Airstream (this will give you an opportunity to inspect for any items in need of attention).
- Make a list of any items that you may find during your inspection that need repaired but that you feel can wait until spring. Place inside unit where you will find the list next spring.
- Inspect the roof of your Airstream, check all vents, skylights and covers for any cracks or to make sure the covers are not missing; this can prevent damage from leaks over the winter.
- Correct any areas that the sealer looks to be degrading or fill any visible voids.
- Store your Airstream inside a building whenever possible (an environmentally controlled building would be best). Don't store under trees or where there are weeds or tall grass. Airstream does not recommend using a cover for trailers because it can leave marks in the finish due to the cover moving when windy.
- Park your Airstream on a concrete pad or a level area. If you are parking on bare ground put something between the tires and the ground.
- Check the tire pressure; fill the tires to the maximum cold pressure rating while being stored.
- If your Airstream is being stored outside cover your tires to prevent damage caused by UV rays.
- Charge lead acid batteries to full charge. A weak battery can freeze and damage the case or reduce battery life.
- You may want to disconnect the batteries and remove them from your Airstream; you can keep them charged up by using a trickle charger. If you leave the batteries in the RV you should activate the converter at least once a month to keep batteries charged.
- Drain all water lines and water systems including any holding tanks and the water heater. Also drain any water filters you may have in system; don't forget your exterior faucets or outside shower.
- Winterize your Airstream by blowing out system with compressed air and putting anti-freeze in all traps and stool or pumping anti-freeze through the complete plumbing system.
- Lubricate hinges, awning brackets, step hinge points (this should help prevent rust and corrosion during storage period).
- Clean and apply a lubricant to all gaskets to keep them pliable over the winter.
- The vent for the range hood should be latched using the travel lock clips.
- Clean the interior of your Airstream, as well as range/oven, microwave. Also clean out refrigerator and leave doors open several inches to prevent mildew.
- Remove all food from the RV so we are not encouraging any winter guests.
- You may also want to install some moisture control in your Airstream, such as Damp Rid or No Damp dehumidifiers.
- If you have a motorized product check all fluid levels, change the oil, check anti-freeze (cooling system and windshield washer) and filters prior to storage.
- Make a point to start your motorhome and generator each month. It is suggested running both at least 15 to 30 minutes at a time monthly. This will allow for circulation of the engine fluids as well as testing of the battery if you do not remove them for the winter.
- You may also want to add a fuel stabilizer to keep your gasoline or diesel fuel from becoming stale or to remove moisture.

These are just some basic suggestions, I am sure that everyone has their own versions. But no matter what type of RV you may have, they will need special care and tucked in for the winter months!

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Inside Colonial...



It's that time of year again. It's time to get your unit ready for the season. Don't fall into the trap of waiting until the last minute, just before your ready for a trip, to get your unit checked over. After a long cold winter of non use things can go wrong from sitting, batteries that go bad, drive belts that crack, lights that go out, appliances that won't fire up, a roof seam that has cracked.

If you feel performing these checks may be beyond your capabilities we can provide these services for you.

We have convenient hours to accommodate your needs and would be happy to schedule your reservation, Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. When an emergency should arise we will do our best to fit your RV into our schedule. For those who do not live locally, we can accommodate you by having a spot with electric open, so you can come in the night prior to your service reservation.

Check out our "*Seasonal Specials*" in this Issue.

Thank you,

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PREPARING RV FOR STORAGE

Properly preparing your vehicle for storage will lessen the possibility of damage to your vehicle. Prepare the motor home for vacancy just as you would if you were leaving your house for an extended period of time.

Clean and Prep Coach for Storage

1. Turn off the LP gas tank.
2. Turn the furnace thermostat switch on the bottom of the thermostat to OFF.
3. Remove all foods and items that may cause odors from cabinets and refrigerator.
4. Clean and defrost the refrigerator. Prop the door open slightly to allow any odors to dissipate. Place an open box of baking soda inside the refrigerator to help absorb odors.
5. Fully charge the batteries. Batteries must have at least 80 percent charge to survive freezing temperatures and long periods of non-use. We recommend that you connect a battery charger or plug in the shoreline once a month during long-term storage periods to maintain battery charge and to avoid sulfating. If connecting a charger directly to batteries, turn the Battery Switch off to avoid electrical arcing when attaching and detaching charger clamps.

NOTE: We do not recommend leaving the shoreline plugged in continuously during storage periods because the batteries can lose electrolytic fluids and become damaged from continuous charging without periodic use. We recommend following regular battery inspection and maintenance especially in cold weather.

6. After charging batteries, turn the Battery Switch off to disconnect the batteries and avoid parasitic* drain. The inverter/charger must be shut off at the control panel to avoid draining the house batteries when the Battery Switch is turned off. The inverter/charger is directly powered and is not affected by the Switch.

*Parasitic battery drain is the gradual drain by items connected directly to battery power switch such as clocks, radio memory and the engine computer.

7. Have the vehicle chassis completely serviced and lubricated. Thoroughly clean the undercarriage of accumulated dirt and dust. Apply paint or undercoating as needed to prevent rust and corrosion. Do not paint or undercoat any part of the brake system, exhaust including heat shields, and generator.

8. Wash and wax the coach.

9. Inspect all seams and seals around doors, windows, vents and any other joints. Replace or repair any that are damaged. Sealing materials and compounds can be purchased from your dealer. Badly damaged weather seals may need to be replaced by your dealer.

10. Close all windows and roof vents. Protect all appliance vent openings from contamination by animals or insects (e.g. bird nests, wasp nests, etc.)

11. Lubricate all door hinges and locks.

12. Clean the interior of the coach. Dirt and stains are more easily removed when fresh.

NOTE: When storing your vehicle through the winter or in cold climates, extra preparations need to be made to protect plumbing, appliances and systems that can be damaged by freezing temperatures. See "Winterizing" in your Owner's Manual.

Removal from Storage



1. Completely air out the motor home.
2. Have the entire LP gas system checked for leaks.
3. Check window operation.
4. Check cabinet and door hinges. Lubricate with penetrating oil, if necessary.
5. Close all faucets and drain valves that are open.
6. Add a few gallons of water to the fresh water tank and turn on the water pump to check for leaks, especially at fittings.
7. Open all faucets in turn to release trapped air and check to be sure faucet washers have not hardened during storage.
8. Sanitize the water system as outlined under "Disinfecting the Fresh Water System" in your Owner's Manual.
9. After disinfecting and flushing the water lines thoroughly with fresh water, remove the water filter diverter plug and install a new water filter cartridge. Store the diverter for future use. The diverter plug is intended for winterization only.
10. Check the toilet for proper operation.
11. Add water to the holding tank using the toilet flush pedal and galley sink faucet. Check to be sure dump valves seal tightly.
12. Check around all appliances for obstructions and ensure that all vent openings are clear.
13. Start refrigerator and check for proper cooling.
14. Clean paneling and counter surfaces.
15. Replace batteries if necessary and check out electrical system to make sure all lights and electrical components operate.
16. Check tires for proper cold inflation pressure. See Vehicle Certification Label.
17. After washing accumulated winter grime from the vehicle, it is important to carefully inspect the seams and sealants for separation or cracks that may have appeared around the window frames, vents and any other joints. Re-sealing is quite simple and the material is quickly and easily applied. Appropriate compounds are available from your dealer. Also inspect weather seals around doors, etc., and if necessary, have a dealer replace immediately.



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