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Must-Have's for
**HAPPY RV
TRAVEL**



FOR RV & VAN, RENTERS AND NEWBIES

picacho peak state park, az



Hello and Welcome!

This is a list of items I won't travel without anymore.

These are not the mundane everyday items we all know already, like toiletries and dishes, or water and dump hoses. These are what we need to really enjoy each and every moment of our van or rv adventure.

For folks who are renting, don't run out and buy everything. Many of these can be borrowed from your home, backyard, boat, or family cabin.

This isn't about spending time and money doing everything the "right way". The goal is simply to be able to relax and enjoy every moment.

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1. AN OUTDOOR RUG This not only gives a welcoming "front porch" feeling. A rug helps keep our chairs and tables a little bit more level and helps keep the floor cleaner inside our rigs. My favorite is the Courtyard series by SAFAVIEH.

2. SOLAR LIGHTS Nothing gives ambiance faster than lights at night. There are so many options now including table and string lights that are charged by both solar AND usb-cable so they are no longer weather dependant.

3. BISTRO SET Yes, we all want a proper table of some sort: to Cook on, Eat at, and to hold goblets at Happy Hour. My set folds up flat and slips into the storage. BONUS TIP: I use one of the chairs inside at my desk.

don't forget a door mat!



4. AWNING or UMBRELLA If your vehicle doesn't come with an awning, invest in an umbrella or pop-up freestanding shelter. Think Rain and Shade.

See my Rug, Table and Chair, Rolled-Up Awning, and yes, those are Solar Branches !

5.



5. WATER PURIFIER This is necessary even if I am in an area with great water (because it flows through the water hose and holding tank). My favorite brand is CLEARLY as it removes 99% of PFAS's and Fluoride.

6.



6. MULTIPLE COOKING DEVICES

I personally hate using propane indoors so I also have a small griddle (works w/ Jackery) and a larger MultiMaker grill (works w/ generator), both by DASH.

7.



7. LAUNDRY BAG OR BASKET

8. HAND VACUUM I use mine several times a day!

8.



JACKERY Solar Generator Portable Power Station I have the 1000 watt with 2 Solar Panels. I would never travel without something like this again. It means I have up to 1000 watts of power ALL THE TIME! Even when I'm not plugged in.

9.

The only thing I can't use it for is my Nespresso or the Air Conditioner. With it, I can easily cook, power my Starlink, and work outdoors. AND yes, folks tell me it works well with their CPAP machines too.



jackery 1000 v2

10.

COZY BLANKETS & PILLOWS

RV's/van's aren't known for their thermal value. They get chilly at night. Plan to be cozy while reading, watching, or sleeping..

11.

POWER BAR with a LONG cord.

The outlets are always in really awkward spots - either too high or just non-existent.

12.

SHOE BINS and/or BASKETS Don't forget, our rigs don't have an entry or mud room for dirty shoes, dog leashes, or wet hats, Plan ahead with places to "dump stuff" .

13. GPS DRIVING APP for RV's



RVLife.com

RV's don't drive like cars. They are taller. They don't like bumps. Believe me! I learned how scary it is to head into a tunnel and wonder if I was getting stuck. And I've rattled along for 2 tense hours on a road that would just have been mildly annoying in a car..

I suggest investing in **RV-specific travel apps like RV LIFE** that include trip planning and GPS routes that can be customized to a vehicle's specific size and needs. **Another of my favorite apps is DRIVE WEATHER.**

14. HARVEST HOST - BOONDOCKERS WELCOME

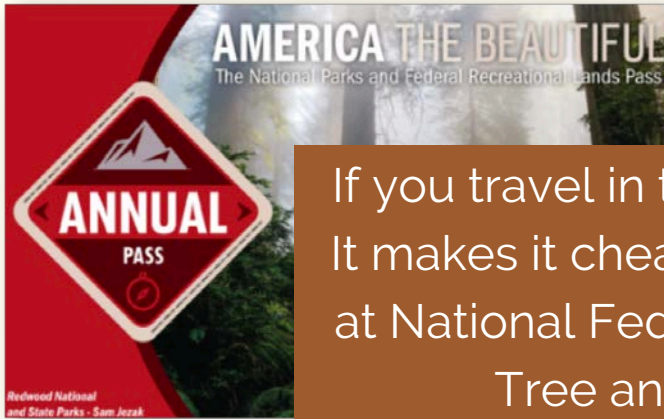
This is simply, my favorite membership!

As long as our rig is self-contained (ie can bookdock) we can stay at thousands of businesses or homes across USA & Canada for only one yearly fee. Now it even can include golf courses and an Escapees membership. There are too many reasons for me to list them all here! Just join today.

HarvestHosts.com



15. AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL Parks Pass



If you travel in the USA, get this Pass!
It makes it cheaper and easier to stay
at National Federal Parks like Joshua
Tree and Yellowstone.

<https://store.usgs.gov/recreational-passes>



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It also allows
Boondocking for FREE
at specific spots called
DISPERSED CAMPING
on BLM Land.

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/camping>



16.

DRINKING CUPS WITH LIDS! Seriously! I have had to scoop bugs out of so many drinks I even use wine goblets with lids now. BRUMATE is my favorite non-leak, non-dribble brand. I have several (including a martini shaker/coffee cup!) Great for gifts too!



17.

BATTERY POWERED CANDLES

Nice ambiance at night and I just think real flames don't mix well with rv travel life.

18.

STOVE TOP COFFEE MAKER or KETTLE

that can go on a propane stove since we don't always have power. Mine is by Grosch.

19.

QUICK DRY TOWELS and HOOKS FOR THEM

Nothing in grosser than slightly damp, mildewy towels. Prevent this by using Turkish and/or microfiber towels. and make sure to have a spot to hang them to dry - inside and outside.

20. **AN ORGANIZATION**

SYSTEM of some sort. We need spots for pens, sunglasses, keys, wifi and bathroom codes for the RV park we're staying in - so much stuff!

I use parts of this system by PERCH.



PERCH Magnetic Modular System

21. **WI-FI**

This might be the biggest thing to research. If you are on holiday for a couple of weeks, not working, and are staying in your own country, you may get away with downloading LOTS of stuff before you leave home and rely on your phone and hot spots.

If you want to work, stream, game, or visit another country while on the road, you'll need to arrange some sort of system. Personal mobile hotspots (such as a Mi-Fi) may be available from your current phone carrier.

The other option is looking into a satellite system such as Starlink. This is what works best for me.

RV Must-Have Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> outdoor rug | <input type="checkbox"/> multiple cooking services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> solar lights | <input type="checkbox"/> travel apps like rvlife.com |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bistro table set | <input type="checkbox"/> harvest host membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> awning or umbrella | <input type="checkbox"/> america the beautiful parks pass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> power bar | <input type="checkbox"/> drinking cups with lids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> laundry basket | <input type="checkbox"/> battery power candles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shoe bin | <input type="checkbox"/> cozy throws & pillows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hand vacuum | <input type="checkbox"/> quick dry towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> jackery portable power | <input type="checkbox"/> organization system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> stove top coffee maker | <input type="checkbox"/> a wifi solution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> water purifier | |

Where to Buy

MANY OF THESE ITEMS CAN BE FOUND LOCALLY SO START THERE.

TO SEE THE EXACT ITEMS I USE DAILY, I'VE INCLUDED MANY OF THEM IN MY [AMAZON SHOPFRONT](#). JUST CLICK!



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RV Must-Have's for a Comfortable Adventure

This list is for the RV Newbies and RV Renters. It includes the things that make our RV Lifestyle just a little bit better: easier cooking, better organization, and nicer evening ambiance.

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