



DeWinterizing YOUR RV

11 ITEM CHECKLIST OF MUST-DO'S



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I love this RV Life and Community, but it hasn't always been easy.

That's why I create products and checklists, like this one on DeWinterizing and **EVERYDAY RV** - a digital monthly RV Lifestyle magazine. It's a place to share what I, and other contributors, live daily. It's how to have fun, find joy, and embrace life in our little homes on wheels.

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Happy RV travels,

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DeWinterizing

De Winter what? Yes, dewinterizing is a thing. It is simply easier that saying,

"If a rig has been stored or not used over the winter, these are all the things that have to be checked or done, before it's safe to start travelling again."

When do you need to do this process?

After a rig has been parked for the winter and all the systems were prepared for colder weather

Anytime a rig has sat for a couple of months or more without being driven or moved

Anytime you purchase a "new to you" rig

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TO ENSURE A RIG IS READY FOR THE ROAD

Dewinterizing

- ☐ **INSPECT & WASH:** First, inspect (inside and out) for nests and rodents and any sign of leaks, mold, or water damage. Next, wash the rig. While doing this, look at all the seals, caulking, air vents, window trims, weather stripping etc, for signs of damage or drying that may need repair or replacing.
- ☐ **DRAIN WATER SYSTEMS:** *If you put RV antifreeze in your system for the winter, run all the faucets until dry then dump the gray and black tanks at an approved site. (Personally, I do this step at an RV park with full-hook ups.)* Run water through all the faucets. Look for leaks - inside and out.

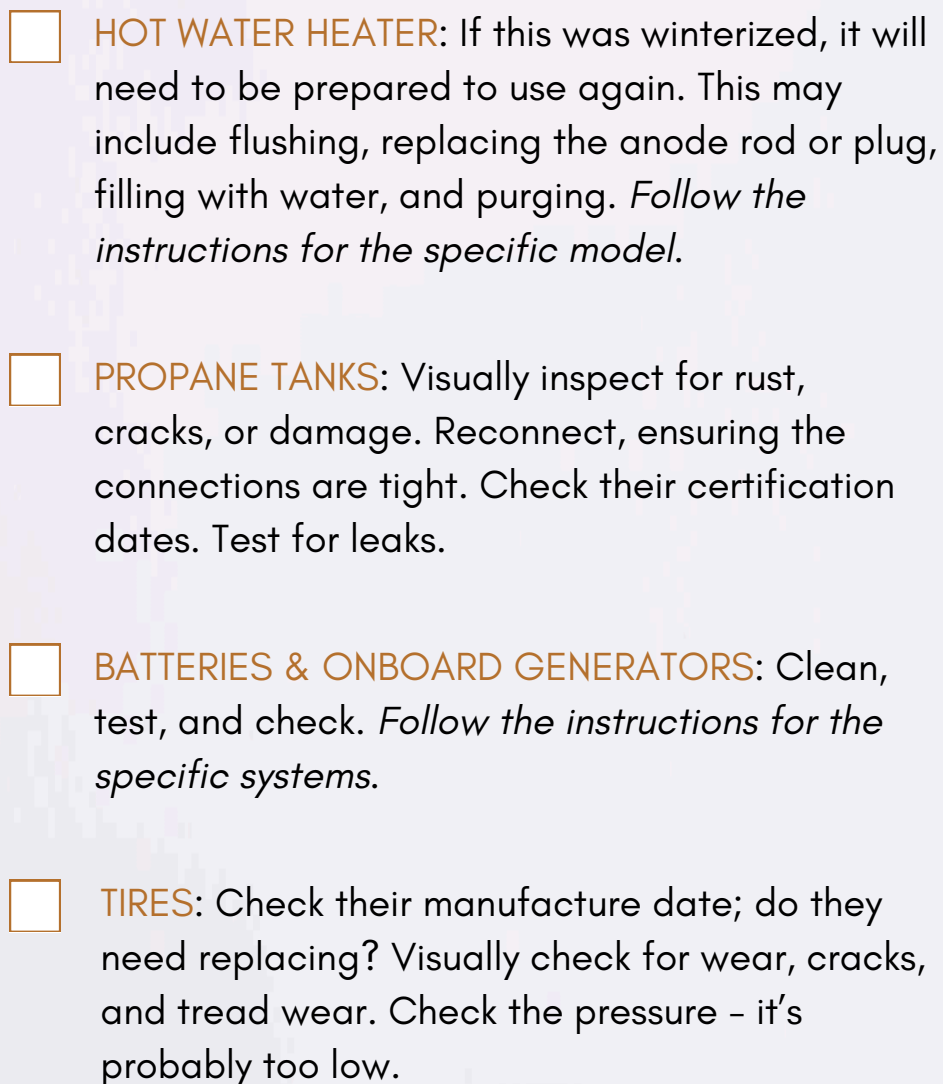
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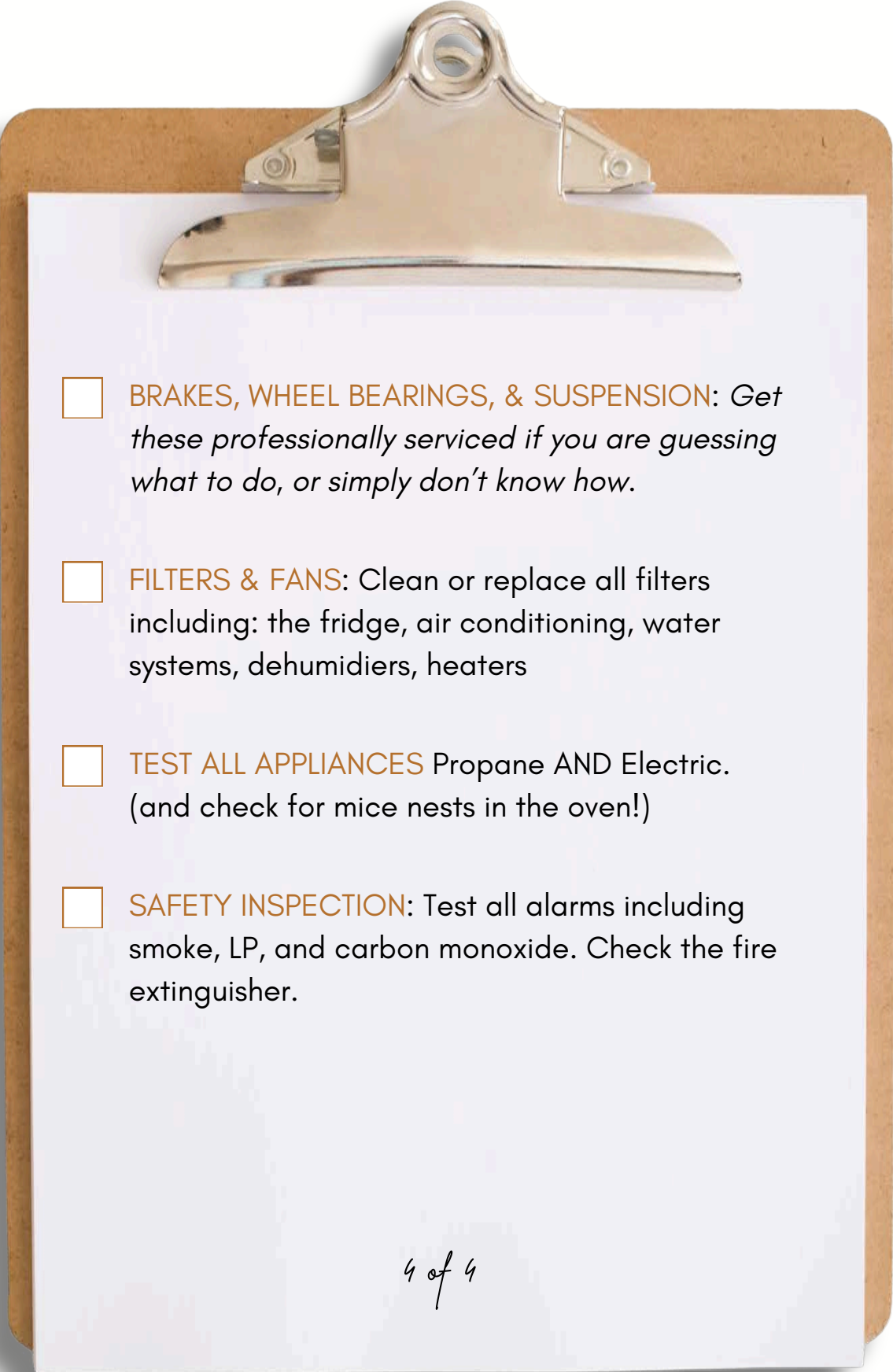
SANITIZE WATER SYSTEM:

- Fill the fresh water holding tank, then flush the system by running water through all the faucets and showers until any residue or scent is gone.
- Pour a mixture of water and bleach into the fresh water holding tanks and, again, flush through the entire system by running all the faucets and showers until there is no odor of bleach or any other residue. (I pour this mixture directly into the fresh water city connection point outside by using a funnel - or wine bottle.)
- NOTE: *Use ¼ cup of bleach to 15 gallons of water*
- Drain the gray water tank(s).
- Flush the full water system one last time. This time by attaching the water hose to the city connection point and leaving the gray tank open and attached to the dump.

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- ☐ **HOT WATER HEATER:** If this was winterized, it will need to be prepared to use again. This may include flushing, replacing the anode rod or plug, filling with water, and purging. *Follow the instructions for the specific model.*
 - ☐ **PROPANE TANKS:** Visually inspect for rust, cracks, or damage. Reconnect, ensuring the connections are tight. Check their certification dates. Test for leaks.
 - ☐ **BATTERIES & ONBOARD GENERATORS:** Clean, test, and check. *Follow the instructions for the specific systems.*
 - ☐ **TIRES:** Check their manufacture date; do they need replacing? Visually check for wear, cracks, and tread wear. Check the pressure - it's probably too low.

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- ☐ **BRAKES, WHEEL BEARINGS, & SUSPENSION:** *Get these professionally serviced if you are guessing what to do, or simply don't know how.*
 - ☐ **FILTERS & FANS:** Clean or replace all filters including: the fridge, air conditioning, water systems, dehumidiers, heaters
 - ☐ **TEST ALL APPLIANCES** Propane AND Electric. (and check for mice nests in the oven!)
 - ☐ **SAFETY INSPECTION:** Test all alarms including smoke, LP, and carbon monoxide. Check the fire extinguisher.

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