

Checklist for First-Time RV Owners

Initial Purchase Considerations

- Choose the right RV (Class A, B, C, travel trailer, fifth wheel)
- Inspect key components (engine, tires, electrical systems)
- Test drive the RV
- Arrange financing and insurance

Essential Gear and Accessories

- Fire extinguisher
- First-aid kit
- Road flares and emergency blankets
- Basic tool kit
- Water hose (drinking water-safe)
- Sewer hose and connectors
- Leveling blocks
- Wheel chocks
- Bedding and linens
- Cookware and utensils
- Portable grill
- Outdoor furniture

Packing Tips

- Layered clothing
- Toiletries and personal hygiene items
- Laundry supplies
- Non-perishable foods
- Fresh produce and refrigerated items
- Cooking utensils and storage containers
- Books, magazines, e-readers
- Board games and card games
- Outdoor gear (bikes, kayaks, fishing equipment)

Planning Your First Trip

- Use RV-friendly GPS apps and maps
- Plan fuel stops and rest areas
- Research and book RV parks and campgrounds
- Create a flexible trip itinerary

On the Road: Safety and Best Practices

- Drive slower and maintain a safe following distance
- Use mirrors and backup camera frequently
- Be cautious of wind and weather conditions
- Check tire pressure and condition daily

- Monitor fluid levels (oil, coolant, etc.)
- Keep emergency contact numbers handy
- Have a plan for severe weather or breakdowns

Living in Your RV

- Use storage bins and organizers
- Multi-purpose furniture
- Hooks and shelves for organization
- Conserve water and electricity
- Dispose of waste properly
- Stay connected with mobile hotspots or campground Wi-Fi