

Camper FAQs Encourages Camper Maintenance with Spring Right Around the Corner

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Camper FAQs, based in Cedar Falls, Iowa, is advising camper or recreational vehicle (RV) enthusiasts to have their campers and RVs checked to ensure that they are ready for the upcoming spring season. There are a lot of checks to be made on the camper or RV to ensure a safe and worry free camping season.

There are many things to do in order to dewinterize the camper or RV in preparation for spring. The first thing to do is to clean and inspect the exterior parts of the vehicle and make sure that everything is in working order. It is also important to inspect the roof and awning for any sun damage or any damage from tree branches falling on it. Another important part to check is the 12-volt DC system provided by the RV batteries. It is possible that these batteries have been removed for winter storage so it is now time to put them back. It should be noted, however, that batteries that have been kept in storage often discharge up to 10 percent a month. Thus, the first thing to do with the batteries is to fully charge them. Next, the distilled water level should be checked and distilled water is added if needed.

Next, the water system of the RV will also have to be de-winterized. It has to be sanitized and checked for leaks, and if non-toxic RV antifreeze was used to winterize it before, it is advisable to run fresh water through the whole system to remove all traces of the antifreeze. It is also recommended to make sure that no antifreeze was added to the fresh water holding tank. If there is antifreeze in the water holding tank, it must be flushed out. And if the water was not bypassed before the unit was winterized, the antifreeze has to be drained out of the water heater tank. And it is also time to put back any water filter cartridges that have been removed for storage. More about these tips can be gleaned from the web page <https://koa.com/blog/spring-rv-maintenance/>.

In the de-winterizing the RV or camper, it is also essential to check the plumbing for any leaks. This can be done by ensuring that there's water in the fresh water holding tank and turning on the water pump to pressurize the water system until the pump turns off. If the water cycles back on, there is a leak and it is vital

to find the location of the leak and repair it or have it repaired by a reliable RV service facility.

As for the water pump, it is a good idea to sanitize it. This can be done using some household bleach. Using a quarter cup of bleach for every 15 gallons of water that the tank can hold, the solution is poured into the tank and then the water pump is turned on after filling the fresh water holding tank with potable water. The water should be run through all cold and hot faucets until the smell of bleach becomes noticeable. The faucets should then be closed and the solution allowed to sit for 12 hours. After that, the water pump should be turned on and the faucets opened. The water should be allowed to drain out until the smell of bleach is no longer noticeable.

The next thing to do is check if the LP gas fired appliances are working properly. The appliance should be checked by an authorized RV service facility if it is not working properly. Insects are naturally attracted to the odorant added to LP gas and they may build nests that can affect the operation of the appliance. A leak test should also be performed on the LP gas system, which can be also done in the RV service facility. If the LP gas appliances are functioning properly, it is time to check the 120-volt appliances and accessories for correct operation.

Those who are interested in getting more tips about campers and RVs may want to check the Camper FAQs website at <https://camperfaqs.com>, or contact them on the telephone or through email.

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