



Bullyan RV Center Issues Fall Reminder on Recreational Vehicle Winterization

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Bullyan RV Center is reminding RV owners that winterization should be completed before freezing temperatures arrive in northern Minnesota. Company guidance states that untreated water systems and idle components can sustain damage once a freeze occurs, and that completing that work before storage is a standard part of seasonal ownership in the region.

The National Weather Service office in Duluth reports that the mean date of the first fall freeze of 32 degrees Fahrenheit at Duluth is September 30, based on 1991-2020 climate normals. The mean first frost of 36 degrees occurs about September 20, and the mean first hard freeze of 28 degrees occurs about October 9. Those averages vary by location and year, which is why the dealership is circulating the reminder at the start of September rather than after overnight lows drop.

Bullyan RV Center's published dewinterizing and spring tune-up articles describe winterization as the counterpart to the work owners complete when camping resumes. Those posts identify plumbing protection as a central step, because water left in lines, tanks, and fittings can freeze and expand. Industry service guidance makes the same point: a hard freeze can crack lines, valves, faucets, and pumps if you don't

remove or treat water in advance. The dealership materials also note that units left idle should be inspected for roof and seal condition, battery status, and signs of pests before they sit through winter.

“The timing is driven by climate, not by the calendar on a brochure,” said Charlie Bedor, Marketing Manager at Bullyan RV. “Once overnight temperatures reach the freezing point, water that remains in an unprotected system can cause the kind of repairs that show up when a unit is pulled out of storage in spring.”

That statement is a description of risk, not a guarantee of outcomes. The company’s own posts say freeze damage is a known consequence of skipping winterization. They do not publish repair-rate statistics comparing winterized and unwinterized units. The practical claim is narrower: treating water systems and completing a pre-storage inspection is intended to prevent a documented class of freeze-related failures.

Bedor added, “Owners who schedule the work before the first freeze are planning around weather that the climate record already identifies as likely in late September.”

The dealership service department performs seasonal maintenance, including winterization and later dewinterizing. Company posts say some owners complete basic checks themselves and bring units in when they find leaks, slow drains, weak batteries, or other problems they do not want to address on their own. Fall appointments are being encouraged now so that work is not compressed into the short period after the first freeze is already on the forecast.

Bullyan RV Center is a family-owned recreational vehicle dealership that sells new and used units and operates an on-site service department. It publishes seasonal maintenance articles covering winterization, dewinterizing, and spring inspections. Those articles treat off-season preparation as a recurring ownership task in a climate where the first freeze often arrives before October.

These informative pieces emphasize the importance of regular maintenance for optimal vehicle performance and safety. The current reminder is limited to that seasonal window. It does not introduce a new product line or a change in store operations. Instead, it restates guidance the company has already published and ties that guidance to National Weather Service freeze climatology for northeastern Minnesota, ensuring customers are well informed about potential weather impacts.

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