

Winterizing Your RV TRAILERS AND SMALL MOTORHOMES

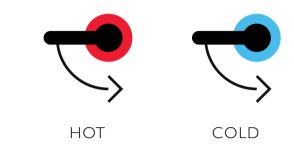
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WATER SYSTEM

Drain the water from the fresh water tank and leave valve open

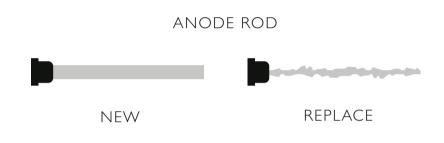


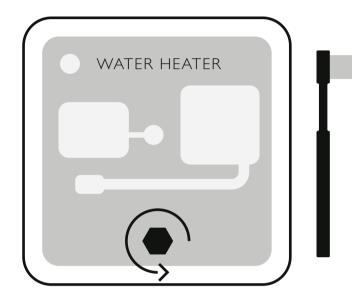
2 Open any "low point" drains that your unit may have and close when water stops flowing. Not all units are equipped with low point drains.



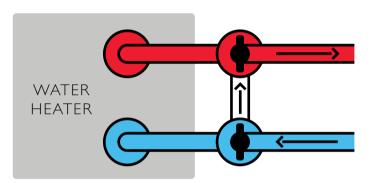
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Remove the drain plug from the hot water heater. Ensure the water has cooled for at least a day before performing this. For Atwood water heaters, a 7/8" socket is required for plug removal. For Suburban heaters it is a 1 1/16" socket to remove the plug/anode. If the anode rod is close to the core, it will be time to replace it.





Locate the bypass valves on the interior side of the water heater and turn them all in the opposite direction that they currently are in. There may be one, two or three valves to turn, depending on the style installed by the factory. For 1/4 turn valves, the direction of the handle usually shows the direction of flow.



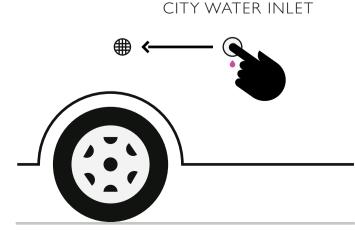
5 If your unit is equipped with any water filters, remove them.

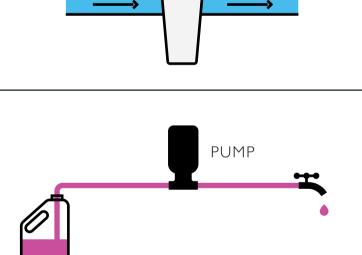
6 Now is the time to pump the antifreeze through the lines. We recommend acquiring a siphon hose (if one is not already provided) to attach directly to the pump and draw the antifreeze from the container. If this option is not available, pour several gallons of non-toxic RV antifreeze into the fresh water tank (close the drain first) and draw from.

- Pump the antifreeze through all the cold lines first, beginning with the faucet furthest from the pump. Run the tap until it flows pink. Repeat for all cold taps, and then for the hot taps. Don't forget the outside shower too! Your antifreeze jug will need to be changed at least once, depending on the size of the RV.
- 8 Once complete return the pump to normal use.

With the water pump turned off, and a set of hot and cold taps left open, move to the exterior of the RV and remove the screen from the city water inlet and depress the plunger until antifreeze dribbles out. If you have a sewer flusher, repeat this step and drain out the water.

Your water system is now winterized.







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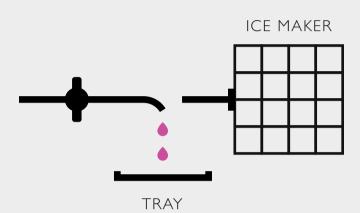
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HOW TO DRAIN THE ICE MAKER

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- During winterizing, the ice maker should be drained and dried. This will prevent water from freezing in the solenoid valve or becoming stale and producing bad tasting ice.
- 2 Close the shutoff valve in the water supply line to the ice maker.
- **3** The inlet fitting should be removed from the water solenoid valve. Drain water from the supply line.
- 4 Remove the plastic nut and water line from the outlet side of the water solenoid valve. Do not lose metal insert from plastic water line! Drain water from line.
- **5** Place a shallow pan under the water solenoid valve.
- 6 With pump on, slowly open supply line valve and allow anti-freeze to flow into shallow pan then turn off valve.
 - Reconnecting will be done in spring during de-winterizing.
- 8 Dry out the ice maker mold assembly with a soft cloth. Place bail arm in the "UP/OFF" position.



WINTERIZING THE WASHER

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- Set the water temperature control to warm this will fill both the cold and the hot lines with antifreeze.
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- Turn on the unit and run about a gallon of antifreeze into the unit (newer units in the last few years require you to wait until the cold inlet opens, stops then the hot opens then stops).
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- Turn the control to spin this will allow the pump to run the antifreeze through itself and then through the drain hose.

