

# Winterizing Checklist

Well last month I was writing about how warm it was here in Ohio and it is still quite pleasant here in September. As I start writing the article and think about what information to input into this article my phone rings. It's a guy who wants to schedule an appointment to get his trailer WINTERIZED here at our service center in October. I had to look at my calendar again to make sure I was hearing him correctly. I actually don't know where my summer went, as we have been so busy here at Airstream. I actually have found an even greater respect for Dave Schumann as he was able to keep up with the duties at hand and make it look easy. Next time

I see him I will have to ask if he remembers having summer seasons. Honestly I don't know where mine went. Everything is good here in Ohio though and staying busy is better than the alternative.

Anyway this call helped me decide what information I need to put in this article. I will probably touch on this every fall season. So listed below is the proper procedure for winterizing your coach.

1. Drain and flush your fresh water tank.
2. Drain and flush your grey water tank.
3. Drain and flush your black water tank.
4. Drain and flush hot water heater. Reinstall drain plug.
5. If you have low point drain lines under your coach:
  - Open the hot and cold faucets in your coach.
  - Uncap the low point drain lines under the coach – let water drain completely.
  - Recap the drain lines.
  - Close the hot and cold faucets.
  - Remove any water filter cartridge if applicable.

Note: The above items need to be completed before winterizing with compressed air or antifreeze.

6. Blowing out water the lines with air pressure:

- Screw on compressed air adaptor into the city water connection.
- Apply compressed air, keeping pressure to less than 60 psi.
- Open each faucet one at a time to force water out of lines.
- Depress toilet valve. Depress toilet hand spray if applicable.
- Depending on your unit you may have an ice maker, washing machine, etc. The lines to these appliances will also need to be drained and blown out. (Consult Owner's Manual).
- If you have an exterior shower be sure to blow compressed air through this.
- If you have a black tank flush be sure to blow compressed air in this fitting.
- Purge the water pump by turning it on and allowing air pressure to clear any water that may be trapped in the pump itself.
- Remove the compressed air adaptor from the city water connection.
- Add one cup of antifreeze to all sink drains. Also add a cup of antifreeze to the toilet.

7. Winterizing using antifreeze:

- Use RV Non-Toxic Antifreeze only. You will need approximately 2 gallons.
- Make sure the water pump is off and faucets are closed.
- Close the water heater bypass valve if applicable. (Note: if you do not have a water heater bypass valve installed you may want to consider having this done. It will keep you from pumping antifreeze into the water heater and will save you 6 gallons of antifreeze which is what it takes to fill the water heater before it is dispersed out to faucets etc.).
- Purchase an antifreeze T kit to install on the inlet side of the water pump connection. This will allow you to pump the antifreeze from the jug into the water system.
- Switch on the water pump. It will start to pump the antifreeze through the water lines
- Open each hot and cold faucet lines one at a time until you see the noticeable red color of the antifreeze flowing from each valve.
- Open the toilet valve and the shower valve until antifreeze flows through.

- Add one cup of antifreeze to all sink drains. Also add a cup of antifreeze to the toilet.
- Shut off the antifreeze T valve installed near the water pump.

8. You are finished!!

I am attaching a picture of the Pump Converter Winterizing Kit ( T- Kit) to winterize the lines with antifreeze and a picture of the blow out plug needed for winterizing with



compressed air.

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