

PLUMBING Of all the required maintenance tasks in the RV, plumbing is generally considered the most unpopular, and therefore results in the least attended. But force yourself to visually check (with proper tool in hand) each connector hardware. Tighten hose clamps to a “tight hold” and be careful not to overtighten causing a break at that junction. The in-line water filter has two clamp connections; one at the inlet and one at the outlet.

Water bearing hoses, whether rubber or plastic, located near heater hoses, tend to require more frequent inspections due to the variants in temperature in close quarters. Plumbing that is not adequately supported will tend to loosen due to road vibration requiring close inspection at shorter intervals. Carefully inspect the plumbing lines bend or curve in their routing so that you can check those locations often.

Remember that a wet spot due to a plumbing leak can be unobserved for long periods of time due to hidden locations, eventually resulting in typical flood conditions enroute or parked. Wet carpeting is not fun!