

### **Bad Smell in my trailer**

Has your motorhome or trailer ever developed a bad sewer smell after it sits for a period of time? It may be possible that the toilet valve doesn't seal completely letting sewer gasses escape from the tank. To test for this problem, fill the bowl with water and let it sit. If the water drains out, the valve is not sealing or seating completely.

Corrective actions: You need to determine if the reason the valve isn't sealing properly is from a bad seal or a collection of toilet tissue etc. that may be caught in the seal, not letting the knife valve close completely.

One suggestion to solve this problem would be to put a light coating of Petro Gel or Vaseline on the seal and operate the knife valve several times to fully lubricate the seals. Then fill toilet bowl with water and monitor water level; if it still leaks, you may need to check for obstruction in between the seals. It may be as simple as using the hook portion of a hanger to run around the inside of the seal to clean out.

**Emergency stopper.** If you are still experiencing a problem and not close to a dealer to get the seals changed, try this:

Get a balloon and fill the balloon with water to a point slightly larger than the opening in the bottom of toilet bowl, then tie balloon. Then lay the balloon in the bottom of toilet and pour 2-3 inches of water in bowl around balloon. This should seal off any odor (escaping gases) until you can get it repaired and you will still be able to use the toilet by removing balloon, reinstall again when not using toilet.