

## Winter storage for your Airstream.

Here are some quick tips that you may want to consider.

- Wash and wax your Airstream (this will give you an opportunity to inspect for any items in need of attention).
- Make a list of any items that you may find during your inspection that need repaired but that you feel can wait until spring. Place inside unit where you will find the list next spring.
- Inspect the roof of your Airstream, check all vents, skylights and covers for any cracks or to make sure the covers are not missing; this can prevent damage from leaks over the winter.
- Correct any areas that the sealer looks to be degrading or fill any visible voids.
- Store your Airstream inside a building whenever possible (an environmentally controlled building would be best). Don't store under trees or where there are weeds or tall grass. Airstream does not recommend using a cover for trailers because it can leave marks in the finish due to the cover moving when windy.
- Park your Airstream on a concrete pad or a level area. If you are parking on bare ground put something between the tires and the ground.
- Check the tire pressure; fill the tires to the maximum cold pressure rating while being stored.
- If your Airstream is being stored outside cover your tires to prevent damage caused by UV rays.
- Charge lead acid batteries to full charge. A weak battery can freeze and damage the case or reduce battery life.
- You may want to disconnect the batteries and remove them from your Airstream; you can keep them charged up by using a trickle charger. If you leave the batteries in the RV you should activate the converter at least once a month to keep batteries charged.
- Drain all water lines and water systems including any holding tanks and the water heater. Also drain any water filters you may have in system; don't forget your exterior faucets or outside shower.
- Winterize your Airstream by blowing out system with compressed air and putting anti-freeze in all traps and stool or pumping anti-freeze through the complete plumbing system.
- Lubricate hinges, awning brackets, step hinge points (this should help prevent rust and corrosion during storage period).
- Clean and apply a lubricant to all gaskets to keep them pliable over the winter.
- The vent for the range hood should be latched using the travel lock clips.
- Clean the interior of your Airstream, as well as range/oven, microwave. Also clean out refrigerator and leave doors open several inches to prevent mildew.
- Remove all food from the RV so we are not encouraging any winter guests.
- You may also want to install some moisture control in your Airstream, such as Damp Rid or No Damp dehumidifiers.
- If you have a motorized product check all fluid levels, change the oil, check anti-freeze (cooling system and windshield washer) and filters prior to storage.
- Make a point to start your motorhome and generator each month. It is suggested running both at least 15 to 30 minutes at a time monthly. This will allow for circulation of the engine fluids as well as testing of the battery if you do not remove them for the winter.
- You may also want to add a fuel stabilizer to keep your gasoline or diesel fuel from becoming stale or to remove moisture.

These are just some basic suggestions, I am sure that everyone has their own versions. But no matter what type of RV you may have, they will need special care and tucked in for the winter months!