

Well unfortunately fall is in the air. The leaves are changing on the trees as I am writing this article. Maybe you are lucky enough to be able to head south and spend some time in a warmer climate. If you are not, you are starting to winterize your coach and store it for the winter! I wrote an article last fall which included the winterizing procedures but I wanted to include it again for the new owners or subscribers. I actually received a call from an owner this week asking if I would send him this information. I will probably include this information in an article each year as I know how important it is to winterize the coach correctly.

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 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 Owners' 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.

You are finished!!

Here is 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.



Figure 2 Airstream Part Number 100363W



Figure 1 Airstream Part Number 90214W

