

PRACTICAL RV BASICS

ARRIVAL & SETUP - Inspect the site before positioning or extending equipment

Campsite Arrival and Setup Checklist

Campground: _____ Site: _____ Date: _____

BEFORE POSITIONING

- ☐ Confirm the assigned site and campground rules, checkout time and quiet hours.
- ☐ Walk the site and look for branches, posts, rocks, holes, soft ground and overhead hazards.
- ☐ Check clearance for slide-outs, awnings, steps, doors and utility connections.
- ☐ Identify the safest route into the site and use a spotter when available.
- ☐ Agree on clear hand signals; stop immediately if the driver loses sight of the spotter.
- ☐ Position the RV within the site without blocking roads, neighbouring sites or utilities.

ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

- ☐ Inspect the pedestal and receptacle for damage, scorching, moisture or loose parts.
- ☐ Confirm pedestal voltage and polarity with suitable testing or an electrical-management system.
- ☐ Turn the pedestal breaker off before connecting the shore-power cord.
- ☐ Connect the RV cord securely, keep adapters dry and turn the breaker on.
- ☐ Confirm normal power inside the RV and monitor for warnings or unusual heat.

SECURE & LEVEL

- ☐ Apply the parking brake; keep a towable connected until its wheels are firmly chocked.
- ☐ Level the RV side to side with approved levelling blocks when necessary.
- ☐ Chock trailer wheels firmly on both sides before unhitching.
- ☐ For towables, unhitch and level front to back according to the manufacturer's procedure.
- ☐ Deploy levelling jacks or stabilizers only for their intended purpose.
- ☐ Confirm the RV is stable before extending slide-outs or allowing normal movement inside.

WATER, SEWER & FINAL SETUP

- ☐ Connect a drinking-water-safe hose through a suitable pressure regulator.
- ☐ Check the hose, fittings and RV interior for leaks after pressurizing the system.
- ☐ Support the sewer hose, connect it securely and keep holding-tank valves closed until dumping.
- ☐ Open the propane supply valve slowly; stop if propane is smelled or a detector alarms.
- ☐ Check outside clearance again, then extend slide-outs and awnings as conditions allow.
- ☐ Set out steps, mats and accessories without creating trip hazards.
- ☐ Record the site number, campground contact information and nearest emergency location.

STOP SETUP AND INVESTIGATE IF:

- The electrical-management system reports a fault or wiring becomes hot.
- The RV shifts, a levelling component sinks, water leaks, or propane is smelled.

Secure first. Connect utilities second. Extend equipment last.

Adapt this checklist to your RV, campsite and manufacturers' instructions.