



Maintain Your Factory Warranties – Camper Winterization Procedure

1. Remove any internal water filters
2. Open up the hot and cold sides of the kitchen faucet
3. There are 2 pipes hanging underneath your camper. Take off caps and let water drain
4. Replace caps
5. Close hot and cold sides of kitchen faucet
6. Open the drain valve on the freshwater tank. This valve is usually located at one end of freshwater tank under camper. Leave valve open after draining.
7. Bypass hot water tank. There are 1-3 valves located on the back of the water heater. Turn valve on the bypass line parallel (in line). If your camper is not equipped with a bypass kit, we have them available in our Parts Department.
8. Remove the Large Nut on the outside of the water heater. Leave this off after the water drains out.
9. Locate the water pump by turning it on for a second and listening for its location. If your camper is equipped with a winterization kit, you will find a valve at the top of the pump with a hose attached that has a cap on the end. Remove the cap from the hose and insert hose into a bottle of nontoxic anti-freeze. Turn the valve on. If your camper doesn't have a winterization kit, you can purchase one from our Parts Store.
10. Turn the water pump on. Be sure that it primes itself from the anti-freeze bottle. You will need about 3-4gallons of anti-freeze.
11. Go to the furthest faucet and run the hot water side until you see pink.
12. Now run the cold water side until you see pink.
13. Then run both hot and cold for a moment to fill the anti-scald tube located between the hot and cold valves.
14. Repeat the prior three steps for each faucet. Do not forget the shower head and the outside shower if your camper has one.
15. Also run your toilet until you have pink in it. It is a good idea to flush 4 times after you see pink. This makes sure the water that has seeped behind the plunger is replaced with anti-freeze
16. The city water connection has a check valve in it. With a pen, push the center release until you see pink.
17. Turn the winterization valve off at the water pump and place the cap back on the end of the hose.
18. Pour 2 cups of anti-freeze in each drain.
19. Drain the grey and black tanks. Leave the valves open for a few days to dry out any moisture. Cover the drain hole with screening to keep out pests.

Using air to “blow out” the water lines in your camper will void warranty. The anti-scald valves in newer faucets must be winterized with non-toxic anti-freeze.

Pressed for time? Dunlap RV Centers would be happy to perform the above work for you. Just give us a call to schedule an appointment.