

Save your RV from deterioration!

There is nothing like getting away from it all in your RV. Wonderful places to go, new things to see. But when the fun is over it is time to put the RV away, often for an extended period. What is the best way to store it to be sure it will be ready for your next adventure?

It is important to prepare you RV for storage. Start with cleaning the exterior. Clean the roof first working your way down. Don't forget the tires. Use warm water and a mild detergent. Use a soft brush on the entire body. The goal of cleaning the roof is to remove the white chalky residue that sometimes marks the exterior after a heavy rain. If your vehicle has a rubber roof there is an oxidized layer to protect the surface and you would not want to scrub too hard. Just get the chalky white build-up. If your RV has been parked under trees you might have a problem with bird droppings and tree sap. Prior to washing, liberally spray the infected area with an oily base like spray cooking oil or WD40. Leave this on for approximately 10 minutes and then wash as usual. Once the RV is clean and dry, it is ready for storage.

Incorrect storage is one of the main causes of RV damage. Typically, RVs are stored outdoors and exposed to the unrelenting elements of nature — including Sun damaging ultraviolet rays, precipitation, freezing, humidity, salty ocean air and oxidation — in addition to rodents, insects and other critters.

Since most RVs sit idle more than they are used, it's important to protect the exterior during storage. If you can't keep your RV inside a build there are inexpensive temporary shelters or at the very least obtain a quality RV cover for it, and use it every chance you get. Keep the outside clean and waxed and inspect the roof frequently for damage, signs of leaks around vents and air conditioners, and repair immediately. It really does pay to deal with damage before it causes further problems. RV weather protection is a must.

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