

RV Setup - Full Hookup Campgrounds

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Complete setup checklist for RVs at campgrounds with water, electric, and sewer.

Arrival & Positioning

- ☐ Check site for low branches, power lines, or hazards (DAMAGE PREVENTION)
- ☐ Position RV for easy utility access and emergency exit
- ☐ Set parking brake and level the RV (ALWAYS level side-to-side FIRST)
- ☐ Deploy stabilizing jacks or wheel chocks (check weight rating)
- ☐ Extend slide-outs only after confirming level (check clearance first)
- ☐ Unhitch trailer if applicable (safety chains last off, first on)

Utility Connections

- ☐ Take photo of electrical pedestal before connecting (documentation)
- ☐ Connect electrical with surge protector (30/50 amp - NEVER use extension cords)
- ☐ Connect fresh water hose with pressure regulator (prevents burst lines)
- ☐ Connect sewer hose with proper downward slope (gravity flow essential)
- ☐ Turn on water pump OR switch to city water (never both simultaneously)
- ☐ Test all electrical connections and GFCI outlets before use

Final Setup & System Checks

- ☐ Turn on propane and test gas detector before using appliances
- ☐ Switch refrigerator to electric mode (more efficient on hookups)
- ☐ Deploy awning only if wind under 15mph (HIGH DAMAGE RISK above)
- ☐ Set up outdoor furniture and secure loose items

- ☐ Test all systems (lights, water pressure, outlets)
- ☐ Check cell phone signal and locate campground WiFi info

Pro Tips & Common Mistakes to Avoid

- ☐ Keep hose nozzle higher than RV inlet to prevent backflow
- ☐ Never drink from fresh water tank without sanitizing first
- ☐ Check that generator is OFF before connecting shore power
- ☐ Use wheel chocks even on level sites (prevents rolling)
- ☐ Test propane detector monthly - it can save your life
- ☐ Keep fresh water hose in shade to prevent hot water surprises