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Florida Winter & Snowbird RV Prep Checklist

Cool-season & freeze-night prep for Brevard, Indian River & Osceola Counties

Florida winter isn't snow — it's snowbirds, cool nights, and the occasional hard freeze. This 6-step checklist covers arrival recommissioning, freeze-night prep, and the cool-season service items Andrew runs with his own customers across Brevard, Indian River & Osceola Counties.

Step 1

Snowbird Arrival – Wake the RV Up

- Inspect exterior for storm or pest damage from off-season storage
- Check tire pressure and sidewalls — FL UV ages tires even in storage
- Open every window and roof vent; air out the rig for 30+ minutes
- Inspect roof seams, vents, and skylights for cracked sealant
- Check for rodent or insect intrusion (under bed, behind panels, engine bay)
- Test smoke, CO, and propane detectors; replace batteries

Step 2

Plumbing & Water System Recommissioning

- Sanitize the fresh water tank with a bleach solution flush
- Install a fresh inline carbon filter at the city water connection
- Run every faucet hot & cold for 60 seconds; check for leaks
- Flush the water heater anode rod; inspect for FL mineral sediment
- Pour fresh water down every drain trap to refill seals
- Test toilet flush valve and bowl seal for dry-out leaks

Step 3

Electrical, Batteries & Shore Power

- Load-test house batteries; FL summer heat may have weakened cells
- Clean and re-grease battery terminals (humidity = corrosion)
- Verify EMS / surge protector functions before plugging into shore power
- Inspect shore cord plug for heat damage from summer A/C use
- Check inverter / converter operation; reset GFCIs throughout coach
- Test all 12V circuits, slide motors, and leveling jacks

Step 4

Cool-Night & Freeze Prep (Florida-Specific)

- Watch the forecast: FL cold snaps below 32°F can hit Dec–Feb
- Disconnect and drain the outside water hose on freeze nights
- Cover or insulate the city water inlet and exterior shower
- Add a small interior heater or run furnace on low overnight
- Open sink and bath cabinet doors to let warm air reach pipes
- Top off propane tank — furnace runs more than you think

Step 5

HVAC, Furnace & Appliances

- Run the furnace for 15+ minutes; check for clean flame and proper exhaust
- Replace return-air filters before snowbird season visits
- Test refrigerator on both 12V and propane modes
- Clean the refrigerator vent stack (lizards and leaves love the off-season)
- Check propane regulator, hoses, and connections for cracking
- Inspect exhaust vents for wasp or mud-dauber nests

Step 6

Pre-Trip & Long-Stay Walk-Around

- Verify all running, brake, turn, and trailer lights
- Check coolant, oil, and washer fluid on motorhome chassis
- Re-torque lug nuts after winter storage, before first long drive
- Confirm registration, insurance, and roadside assistance are current
- Stock emergency kit: jumper pack, tire plug kit, water, flashlight
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