

## T-24 checklist (24 hours before departure)

These can be done casually any time the day before:

- ✓ Dump / Flush REAR black tank
- ✓ Secure REAR Dump Hose (less stuff to stow on departure day)
- ✓ TREAT REAR Black Tank
- ✓ Dump / Flush FRONT black tank (we leave this hooked up as it's also the dump for Grey 1 and Grey 2, the hose is under the slide anyway)
- ✓ TREAT FRONT black tank.
- ✓ Fuel Truck (much simpler to fuel without the rig attached)
- ✓ Inspect HITCH bolts and connectors, including hitch head retaining pins
- ✓ Inspect Rig wheels and suspension (torque lug nuts once a month) (just a general visual inspection of the leaf springs, attachment points, etc. looking for anything amiss)
- ✓ Sweep slide toppers and inspect roof. (while slide toppers really eliminate this need, I still like to get stuff off them that may have accumulated during our stay)
- ✓ Fill fresh tank (% based on next location) (usually just 1/3 tank unless we'll be boondocking)
- ✓ Check Rig tires (inflation, general inspection) (a TPMS / Tire Pressure Monitoring System makes this a simple task. I always make sure the tires are +/- 3psi of OUR target of 110psi - find your own pressure)
- ✓ Check Truck tires (inflation, general inspection) (truck TPMS also greatly simplifies this)
- ✓ Check Pin Box Airbag pressure (100psi) (our FlexAir pin box has a shock and airbag. I've found that 100psi cold with no load puts it right about where it's supposed to ride when loaded)
- ✓ Check Radios / charge if needed

## T-12 (night before departure, usually just before bed)

- ✓ Secure outside items. (rug, chairs, etc)
- ✓ Plan route and fuel
- ✓ Garage: rear bathroom vent closed and lights off
- ✓ Garage: rear bathroom secure and door closed
- ✓ Garage: desks in stow position (happijack desk mod)
- ✓ Garage: roll up carpet
- ✓ Garage: wheel-dock in place and tie downs ready (simply on the floor where they will go for travel)
- ✓ Load Lucile (if possible) and strap down loosely
- ✓ Secure patio (collapse patio rails and close rear door)
- ✓ Dump grey tanks and leave open

## T-0 (morning of departure)

- ✓ Run generator (exercise) while prepping to leave (if etiquette allows)
- ✓ Bedroom secure and carpet stowed (closet door latched, laundry door closed)
- ✓ Bedroom windows closed
- ✓ Bedroom slide in
- ✓ Bedroom A/C and lights off
- ✓ Bathroom shower secure (everything off shelves, shower door locked open)
- ✓ Bathroom secure (vent closed, counter items stowed, bathroom door latched open)
- ✓ Garage: secure (blinds up, patio doors latched, garage door locked, rolled rug on floor, tv locked in)
- ✓ Garage: Motorcycle straps tightened down
- ✓ Garage: Rear A/C and lights off
- ✓ Living room secure (refrigerator doors shut and latched, carpets stowed, chairs secured with padding, all drawers and cabinets closed)
- ✓ Pantry door closed
- ✓ Daisy's food and water bowls put away
- ✓ Windows closed / blinds up
- ✓ Middle A/C off
- ✓ One-Control Items off (water pump, water heater, ALL Lights)
- ✓ Generator off
- ✓ Inverter ON

- ✓ Slides: one last check for obstacles inside and out
- ✓ Slides: Retract with door, vent, or window open for air flow
- ✓ Secure main entrance (stow steps, lock door, secure hand hold)
- ✓ Secure Electrical and plumbing (water hose, power cord, sewer hose)
- ✓ Nautilus in dry camp mode (relieve system pressure before switching)

## **HITCHING Checklist (time to roll!)**

This is BY FAR the most important checklist. Missing steps here can cause severe damage to the rig and / or truck, and possibly even injuries. There are some redundancies on this list, but it's good to double check some things from the outside.

- ✓ T-24, T-12, T-0 Checklists Complete
- ✓ RIG – Forward Bay Closed and Latched
- ✓ RIG – Pin Lock Removed
- ✓ RIG – Jacks / Stabilizers to TOW HEIGHT (Middle and Rear Retracted)
- ✓ TRUCK – TPMS ON
- ✓ TRUCK – Tailgate DOWN
- ✓ TRUCK – Back ALMOST to pin-box
- ✓ RIG – Adjust Kingpin height to proper hitch height of truck.
- ✓ TRUCK – OPEN Hitch Latch
- ✓ TRUCK – Back truck into Kingpin
- ✓ TRUCK – Visually check KINGPIN LOCK BAR IS LOCKED
- ✓ TRUCK – Connect Electrical cord and Breakaway cable.
- ✓ RIG – Lower Rig with Front landing gear to pull test height (front jacks 1" off the ground)
- ✓ TRUCK – Tow/Haul Mode and Mirrors EXTENDED
- ✓ TRUCK – Check that trailer brakes are adjusted and trailer is connected in ford system.
- ✓ TRUCK – PULL TEST (manually engage trailer brakes and try to pull away SLOW)
- ✓ TRUCK – Set parking brake.

- ✓ RIG – Retract ALL on landing gear
- ✓ TRUCK – CLOSE TAILGATE
- ✓ RIG – Remove and stow wheel chocks and landing gear blocks.
- ✓ RIG – Check and close all storage doors and lock.
- ✓ TRUCK – Lights on / Rear Camera working
- ✓ TRUCK – Validate TPMS reads all 6 tires and validate pressure / temperature
- ✓ TRUCK / RIG – Verify all lights are operable (signals, brake, reverse)
- ✓ TRUCK / RIG – Full Walk-around
- ✓ TRUCK – Rest Trip Meter
- ✓ GO!

## Camp Setup Checklist

- ✓ Unload Motorcycle (unless in a pull-thru)
- ✓ Position RV on Camp Site
  - ✓ Truck Brake SET
  - ✓ All Slides Clear
  - ✓ Room for Awnings if possible
  - ✓ Jacks clear to solid ground (no roots, etc)
- ✓ Set Truck Airbags to 15PSI
- ✓ Chock RV tires on both sides
- ✓ Put Front Jacks down and raise RV pin till pressure is off the hitch.
- ✓ Release Brake on Truck
- ✓ Cycle Truck to Neutral with foot off brake, then to Park (releases tension on the pin)
- ✓ Disconnect Trailer
  - ✓ 7-Pin Connector
  - ✓ Emergency Breakaway Cable
  - ✓ Hitch Retaining Pin
  - ✓ Release Hitch
- ✓ Pull truck STRAIGHT ahead off the pin
- ✓ Close tailgate and park Truck
- ✓ Stow 7-Pin Connector Cable into Pin Box
- ✓ Put Pin-Lock on Pin
- ✓ Run RV Auto-Level, keeping an eye on anything close to the RV (trees, etc)
- ✓ Put out "front-porch" Outdoor Rug
- ✓ Lock in Kitchen Slide (this is primarily to connect sewer without the slide in the way)
- ✓ Lower main steps and set height for location (set out doormat and shoe scrubber)

- ✓ Extend Living Room Slide (half-way, check for obstacles, then remainder)
- ✓ Extend Bedroom Slide

## **At this point, we split up Inside and outside**

### **Inside (Tara)**

- ✓ Water Heater ON
- ✓ Fridge on 120 if we needed to switch to LP on a long travel day.
- ✓ AC / Heat on (timed with power below)
- ✓ Check Inside Fire Extinguishers
- ✓ Vacuum, put rugs in place, reset counter items, etc.

### **Outside (Chad)**

- ✓ Connect Power (line run mindfully of sewer run)
  - ✓ Pole Breaker OFF
  - ✓ Connect Power Line to Pole then RV
  - ✓ Pole Breaker ON (notify Tara so she can set ACs after SurgeGuard timeout)
- ✓ Connect Water:
  - ✓ Set Nautilus to Shore Water
  - ✓ Run Water Line, pressurize line and release Air from the hose (line run mindfully of sewer run)
  - ✓ Connect Line and Open Water valve very slowly
  - ✓ Listen to make sure water stops running (constant running might mean a tap is on the inside)
- ✓ Connect Sewer
  - ✓ Lay Out Sidewinder hose supports
  - ✓ Glove up and connect sewer hose(s)
  - ✓ Open Valterra Valves

- ✓ Open Grey 1 and check for leaks
- ✓ Un-lock Kitchen Slide, Check for Obstacles and Extend
- ✓ Check Basement Fire Extinguishers
- ✓ Check [Proteng](#) tubes (fire suppression tubes) For Incidental Discharge

### Inside (Chad)

- ✓ Convert Garage To Office Mode
- ✓ Configure Internet