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RV Maintenance Basic Spring Check-list

The Water System Checklist:

1. De-winterize the water system - remove all traces of the RV antifreeze that was used to protect the water system.
2. Sanitize the water system (leave Water Heater in by-pass mode).
 - Take $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of household bleach for every 15 gallons of water that your fresh water holding tank holds. Fill the fresh water tank with water and the proper amount of bleach based upon the capacity of your water tank.
 - Turn the water pump on and open all faucets, one at a time, and run water until you smell the bleach. Let it sit for a few hours and then drain the entire system.
 - Refill the fresh water holding tank and run water through the system until you no longer smell the bleach.
3. Check for water leaks and toilet leaks.
4. Plug the Water Heater with its plug (or anode rod if applicable). Open the water heater bypass and fill the water heater with fresh water.

Electrical System and Batteries Checklist:

1. Batteries - reinstall if removed previously. Check charge on coach and chassis batteries - clean terminals and clamps.
2. Reset any breakers and check fuses.
3. **Plug into shore power.** Using a voltmeter and polarity checker (use one that simply plugs into the outlet - you can get these at Camping World, Walmart, etc.) - check voltage and polarity at the outlets.
4. Check all 120 volt appliances for proper operation (microwave, refrigerator, etc).
5. Test the GFI.
6. **Unplug from shore power** and turn generator on. Run generator for at least 1 hour with half load (run microwave, then run the air conditioner).

LP Gas Checklist:

1. Verify if LP tanks are full.
2. Test LP gas leak detector.
3. Leak test gas fixtures.
4. Light gas stove - check for blue flame. Light oven.
5. Check other gas appliances (including refrigerator in gas mode).



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The Exterior and Chassis:

1. Wash the unit.
2. Check the roof for leaks or cracks / peeling of the caulking.
3. Inspect the awning and awning fabric - remove mildew.
4. Check the tires for dry rot - inflate tires to the recommended cold tire pressure. Check lug nuts.
5. Check electric steps, lubricate.
6. Check operation of the slides. Lubricate slides.
7. Check hydraulic jacks and hydraulic fluid level (if applicable).

Other Interior and Misc. Checklist:

1. Lubricate hinges and locks.
2. Put new batteries in smoke alarms.
3. Test carbon monoxide alarm and all smoke alarms.
4. Test the monitor panel.
5. Check the fire extinguisher.
6. Clean filters from the air conditioner.
7. Open vents / windows to air out unit.
8. Inspect windows - check for evidence of window leaks. Check for broken window shades.
9. Test back-up camera and monitor (if applicable).