

Camping Trip Safety Checklist

— Test your RV batteries to ensure that they are fully charged, fresh, and ready to go.

— Ensure that you have brought your first aid kit, flashlights, and any medications that may be needed while you are away from home.

— Pack your cellphone, as well as GPS (if you use it) or another means of contacting someone in case of an emergency.

— Inform your neighbors that you will be out of town, and for how long. If you are not back when you are supposed to be, ask that they contact the authorities in case something has happened.

— Pack enough food to last a couple days beyond your scheduled trip in case something unexpected pops up.

— Pack extra, and warm clothes. Even in the summer, many places which are hot during the day can become freezing cold (dangerously so) at night.

— Use a map, atlas, or online service to get directions (to your destination and back home) before you leave. Print out the directions if you get them online so that you can refer to them if needed.

— Be sure that you have any emergency items that you may need. This includes road flares, flashlight, space heater, knife, small tool set, a lighter and candles or lantern, fresh batteries for any devices that you may need power to, etc.

— Make sure that you lock the door to your home. Lock the Windows. Also, unplug any items that can cause fires such as coffee makers, toasters, toaster ovens, etc.

— Arrange for a neighbor to collect your mail or newspapers while you are gone. A stack of mail and newspapers is a clear sign to any burglar that there is no one home for an extended period of time.

These tips will help ensure that your family's camping trip is safe, fun, enjoyable for everyone.