

# Key Chapter Takeaways



- ❑ Dewinterizing is the process of removing the RV antifreeze from your RV pipes and holding tanks and reintroducing water to the system.
- ❑ You can dewinterize yourself or have a service center or mobile technician do it.
- ❑ Dewinterizing should also include a thorough check of your RV's interior and exterior.
- ❑ Carefully inspecting all the systems of your RV at this time will ensure the safe operation of your rig through camping season.



# Options for Dewinterizing Your RV



## The Big Idea

Your new RV may have been winterized by the dealership, especially if you purchased it during the winter months.

Winterizing protects the water lines by using air or RV antifreeze to clear the water from them. This prevents water from freezing and damaging the pipes and holding tanks.

If your RV is winterized, you'll need to dewinterize before your first trip of the season. This lesson will explain your options for dewinterizing.

## | What Is Dewinterizing?

- Dewinterizing is flushing the RV antifreeze from the system and introducing water to your pipes and holding tanks.
- Most owner manuals also include a checklist of general maintenance that should be completed every year at this time to ensure your RV stays in good condition.

## | What Options Do You Have for Dewinterizing?

1. You can dewinterize yourself.
2. You can take your RV to a service center.
3. You can have a mobile RV service technician come to your home.

**Tip**

**Use the Togo RV app to search for RV service centers and mobile technicians near you.**

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## | Should You Dewinterize Yourself?

The process of dewinterizing is not difficult, and many owners prefer to do it themselves so they know how to operate all the systems on their RV. Although it will take you more time at first, dewinterizing can be completed in less than 30 minutes once you learn the ropes. Use your RV manual to figure out the steps, and refer to the recorded video from your dealer walkthrough.

**Tip**

We share more information about DIY dewinterizing in the next lesson of this chapter.

## | Should an RV Service Center Dewinterize Your RV ?

If you don't have the time or the interest to DIY this process, that's okay! You can have a certified service technician take care of it at a local dealership or service center.

- Plan ahead: Service centers are very busy in the spring.
- Ask about dewinterizing packages. Many dealers will include additional services like washing and waxing for a reasonable price.
- Cost will vary depending on your RV and region.
- Try to bundle any other service needs into this visit if possible.

## | Should a Mobile Technician Dewinterize Your RV?

New RV owners may be thrilled to learn that there are mobile technicians who will come right to your house and service your RV. This is particularly convenient for people who do not live near a dealer or service center.

- Finding a mobile tech can be difficult, as most do not advertise or maintain websites. Use the Togo RV app to search for one in your area.
- Book far in advance, especially during the busy spring and fall seasons.
- The cost will vary greatly. Some mobile techs are less expensive than dealerships and some are more costly.



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## | Where Should You Dewinterize if Doing It Yourself?

### At Home

- You can dewinterize in your driveway with just a hose.
- Plan on flushing and emptying your tanks at your first campground stop.

### At the Campground

- Book a full hookup site, with water, electric, and sewer.
- The downside is that you won't be able to test your systems ahead of your first trip.

