

Storing Your RV at a Storage Facility



The Big Idea

If you can't store your RV at home—or you choose not to—you have other options at varying price points. We'll help you find one that suits your personal needs and budget.

This lesson focuses on what you need to consider when choosing a storage facility for your RV.

| Year-Round Storage or Seasonal Storage?

The first thing you need to determine is whether you need year-round or seasonal storage. Some RV owners never store their RV at their home. Others store their RV at home during the RVing season and then winterize and keep it at a facility during cold-weather months.

- The cost of year-round storage will most likely be cheaper per month.
- Seasonal storage may be more expensive per month, but you don't pay for the months that you don't need it.

| Do You Want Outside or Inside RV Storage?

Indoor Storage:

- Fewer spots available
- More expensive
- Offers more protection and security

Outdoor Storage:

- More prevalent
- Less expensive



Tip

If you splurge on indoor, climate-controlled storage, you won't have to winterize your RV, which saves you time and money.

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What Amenities Should You Consider When Choosing a Storage Facility?

While a simple parking spot is the cheapest storage solution, some facilities have upgraded amenities you might want to consider:

- Electrical hookups allow you to preserve your battery, use your lights, and cool the refrigerator while parked.
- A potable water station will allow you to fill up the fresh water tank before traveling and a dump station will allow you to empty your tanks after trips. It will also help you winterize and dewinterize at the storage facility.

What Logistics Should You Consider When Choosing a Storage Facility?

- Can you bring your RV home for packing before trips and unpacking after trips? Then a simple parking spot may be all you need.
- Will you be leaving for RV trips directly from the storage facility? If so, you may want hookups and a dump station to make sure your RV is road ready before departure.

What is the Most Important Element to Consider When Looking for RV Storage?

Security, security, security!

Look for gated storage facilities with security guards and cameras.

How Much Does RV Storage Cost?

- Prices vary greatly depending on where you are located in the country and what amenities are offered at the facility.
- Expect to pay anywhere from \$50 per month for an outdoor parking spot to more than \$200 per month for indoor climate-controlled storage.

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| Bonus Tips

- Even if you love having your RV at home, keep in mind that your neighbors may not.
- When securing your RV for storage, no single method will prevent theft. The goal is to add layers of protection.
- When insuring your RV, ask whether personal contents are covered. In the case of theft, you want to be reimbursed for gear and personal items.
- If you are storing your RV in your yard, the ground may become soft after rain. Consider installing a parking pad.
- Many RV owners enjoy having their RV at home to use for additional office space or guest quarters.

