

Dry Camping Statement of Responsibility and Liability Waiver: _____

I understand that using an RV to “Dry Camp” or “Boondock” (i.e. camp without electric or water or sewer hookups) adds certain considerations to the RV rental relating to power management and fresh and wastewater management. I understand that it is my sole responsibility as a renter to ensure that those considerations are understood.

I, _____ (Renter(s)) will not hold (Owner(s)), or and any person contracted to, volunteering for, or any member of their families responsible for any issues relating to Dry Camping **including loss of battery charge or generator or solar (if applicable) power, or from running out of fresh water, or from filling up the grey and/or black water tanks before the rental has been completed, or loss of cooling in a residential fridge if so equipped.**

There may be a charge of ____ cost of batteries _____ if the RV is returned with dead house batteries. There may be a charge of _____ if I request that the owner(s) dump the black and/or gray water tanks.

The considerations below may mitigate the challenges of Dry Camping:

Fresh Water Management

Fresh water tank capacity: _____

8 to 10 gallons of fresh water should allow one camp shower

A camp shower means:

- Wet your body, turn the water off at the shower head, soap up, turn the water on and rinse and wet hair, turn water off, shampoo hair, turn the water on and rinse shampoo off, turn the water off, apply conditioner, turn the water on for a final rinse, turn the water off. That’s about 8 gallons.

In an emergency, you can use jugs of water to replenish your freshwater tank using the gravity fill on the RV. Remember, 6 gallons of water weighs almost 50 pounds.

Tips to conserve water include using campground showers and toilets when available rather than the RV shower and toilet. Also reduce the number of times you wash dishes to once a day and by using paper plates and plastic dinnerware.

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Signature of Renter: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

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Power Management

While dry camping, “shore power” as it is called, is not available. Your other sources are a **generator**, **solar cells** and the RV “house” **batteries**. **DO NOT LET HOUSE BATTERIES GET BELOW 12.0 VOLTS. OTHERWISE BATTERIES CAN BE PERMANETLY DAMAGED. START GENERATOR AT 12.2 VOLTS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO HOUSE BATTERIES.**

- Your RV has 2 “house” **batteries**
- Your RV has a **generator**
- The generator is built-in
- Your RV has **solar cells on the roof only activated on sunny days**
- Your RV has an **inverter** to convert DC battery power to AC power. Invertor is left off unless in use to prevent draining of batteries
- The **inverter** is built-in and can be used for low powered electronics and the TV.
- The 12-volt systems in your RV uses the batteries. These include lights, water pump, gas fridge controller, gas furnace controller and furnace blower. The fridge may operate only on 12 volts DC.
- The generator or the solar cells or the alternator while driving recharge the batteries.
- The 120-volt systems in your RV use the **generator** and/or the **inverter**. These include the air conditioner, microwave, coffee maker and other plug-in appliances.
- **If shorepower is available, do not start vehicle when plugged into shorepower, you will over charge the batteries and they will need to be replaced.**
- The house TV’s do not need to run on the generator, they can run via the inverter/batteries only if fully charged.

Your RV has a built-in **inverter**, only some of the plugs will normally be powered by the inverter. High wattage appliances such as your air conditioner, microwave and hair dryer should generally not be used with inverter power. You will need to turn the generator on instead.

Tips to conserve power:

- Use low level (dim) lighting. Rotate through the switch to find low level lighting.
- For heat and refrigerator, use propane (LP).
- Turn off water pump, heat, lights etc. when not in use or when you are away from the vehicle.
- Minimize use of TV, DVD/Blu-ray, CD, Amazon Fire Stick, **Google Chromecast**, etc.

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