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## WINTERIZING YOUR TRAILER

## VERY IMPORTANT – Make sure you winterize before the FIRST FROST

- 1. Completely drain Grey and Black tanks at a Dump Station
- 2. Completely drain out fresh water tank low point drains. Remove plug in water heater & let it drain & by-pass water heater if possible. If you have a water filter, remove cartridge and reinstall filter housing.
- 3. Blow out water lines with compressed air, **DO NOT EXCEED 20 PSI.** Put a blowout plug into the city water and blow out all cold lines first, then hot lines. Do not forget hot water heater lines.
- 4. Disconnect the water line hose from the fresh water tank to the demand pump. Attach a hose to the intake side of the pump (or to the anti-freeze inlet if you have that feature on your trailer) and put the other end into a gallon of non-toxic RV antifreeze.
- 5. Turn on the water pump. Open cold water faucets one at a time. Flush the toilet till pink flows through. If you have an outside shower, kitchen or sink, a washing machine and/or an ice maker (make pink ice) be sure to run the antifreeze through them. If you have a hot water heater by-pass, do the same to the hot water faucets and shower. Also open top and bottom valve on by-pass for a short spurt to protect the bottom elbows.
- 6. Shut off faucets as antifreeze starts coming out with strong color
- 7. Shut off the pump & BE SURE to release pressure from the system by opening some faucets. At the city water hook-up, outside, remove screen and push in the one way valve just a touch to winterize the city water connection, pink might squirt out.
- 8. If you do not have a by-pass on water heater, attach a hand pump to the kitchen faucet and pump antifreeze through to the bathroom, one faucet at a time, sink & shower. Open bottom of water heater and pump again so it comes out the bottom of the water heater.
- 9. Open all the faucets, put remaining anti-freeze in the traps (down the drain).
- 10. Remove the water filter canister if you have one, drain it and reinstall. Make sure there is no moisture in the threads of the canister. This is important as we have had many broken canisters.
- 11. Open termination valves for holding tanks & drain. Leave open termination valves, but replace sewer cap to keep out rodents.
- 12. Always bring in the slide out rooms for the winter.
- 13. Remove battery, store in a building above freezing and not on a cement floor.
- 14. Thoroughly flush out in the spring with fresh water. Do not light water heater until thoroughly flushed and make sure water heater is filled with water. Then you can light it.