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Winterization Guide for Restroom & Shower Trailers

Cold weather can do serious damage to your restroom and shower trailers if water is left in the system. Frozen lines, cracked tanks, and busted pumps are expensive and time-consuming repairs. Taking the time to winterize properly keeps your trailers protected, saves money, and ensures they're always Ready2Go when the next job calls.

What You'll Need

- 2–5 gallons of non-toxic RV antifreeze for restroom trailers (larger shower units may require 5–20 gallons).
- Air compressor with regulator and the right adapter for the city water inlet.
- Basic hand tools, gloves, and a bucket.
- Labels or tape for marking bypass valves.

Before You Begin

- Shut off and cool the water heater.
- Drain and rinse black and gray tanks.
- Open all low-point drains.

Option A: Compressed Air Blow-Out

This is the fastest way to clear water from the lines and works well if the trailer will sit all winter.

- Drain all tanks and lines. Open low-points, the fresh tank, and the water heater. Let everything empty.
- Bypass the water heater. Install or close bypass valves so you don't waste time or air on the tank.
- Connect the compressor. Hook into the city water connection and regulate pressure between 40–60 PSI (always check your trailer's specs).
- Clear fixtures. Starting with the farthest fixture, open hot and cold until only air comes out. Don't forget sinks, showers, urinals, and toilets.
- Protect the pump. Run it until dry, then draw in a little antifreeze to coat seals.
- Finish traps and valves. Pour a cup of antifreeze into every P-trap, toilet, and urinal. Add a splash into black/gray tanks to protect the gate valves.
- Check the small stuff. Hit the city water check valve and black tank flush line so those fittings don't crack.

Option A: Compressed Air Blow-Out

This method uses more antifreeze but is simple and effective when you don't want to mess with air tools.

- Bypass and drain the water heater. This saves gallons of antifreeze.
- Connect antifreeze. Use the onboard winterization hose or a hand pump at the city water inlet.
- Run fixtures until pink. Start with the farthest fixture and open hot and cold until antifreeze flows solid. Do every sink, shower, toilet, and urinal.
- Don't forget special features. Charge any sumps, spray hoses, or outside showers.
- Protect traps and tanks. Pour antifreeze into all P-traps, toilets, urinals, and add a little to black/gray tanks.

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Spring Start-Up

- Close drains and return all bypass valves to normal.
- Flush pink antifreeze from the system with fresh water until clear.
- Sanitize the freshwater tank with a mild bleach solution (¼ cup bleach for every 15 gallons of tank capacity, let sit, then rinse).
- Reinstall filters and check every fixture for leaks.

Ready2Go Pro Tips

- Keep a laminated valve diagram inside every trailer.
- Stock up on antifreeze before the first cold snap.
- Use a winterization checklist so nothing gets skipped.
- Larger shower trailers can use 20+ gallons of antifreeze – plan accordingly.

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