

## WINTERISATION / LONG STORAGE

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### Moisture Absorbers

For storage over colder months or for longer periods without use of your RV, we recommend using moisture absorbers inside your RV to assist in the prevention of moisture build up whilst not in use.

Moisture absorbers are usually available from RV parts stockists.

### Draining residual water from inside the RV

Depending on your model RV, we also recommend opening the fresh water tank drain valve to drain the tank and leave open.

Fully open all the taps and shower mixer, move mixer position to the middle, and leave all taps in the open position. Unscrew the shower head and shower hose, shake out remaining water and allow water to drain. It is advised to leave the shower head and hose disconnected.

Open the waste tank drain valve, collecting the waste water in a suitable container, and leave open.

Water expands as it is frozen and trapped water, when expanded, can damage the taps/valve/pump or pipe it is trapped within. For this reason, (in addition to reasons of hygiene), the water systems should be fully drained when not in use.

Dispose of the waste water in a designated waste water area, clean waste pipes and tanks using a sterilising fluid.

### WC (Toilet) Cannister/ Cassette

If your RV is fitted with a WC, empty the cassette and clean to sterilise. Do not leave WC cassette full whilst storing your RV.

### Tents & Awnings

Prior to packing away for storage, make sure all awnings and tent sections of your RV are completely dry. Packing away wet or even slightly damp awnings and tent sections will result in the development of mould and mildew on the materials.

### Habitat Battery Storage

When storing your RV for longer periods, it is recommended to keep the battery charged to avoid them going flat. Ideally, batteries should have sufficient charge prior to storage and can be charged every 4-6 weeks for 24 hours by turning on the isolating switch and connecting to 240V power.

An alternative option is to leave your caravan plugged in to 240V power with the battery isolation switch turned on.

A further option is to remove the battery from the RV and keep charged by using a portable battery charger. If using a charger to charge a lithium battery, please ensure it is a lithium specific charger.

AGM/GEL batteries should not be left to discharge below 50%.

Lithium batteries should not be left to discharge below 10% as they will not be able to be recharged.

In all cases we recommend regularly checking the battery charge and the condition of the battery whilst in storage and during use.

#### During Storage Periods

We recommend regularly checking your RV during longer periods of storage to ensure additional moisture is not accumulating inside the RV. Accumulation of moisture caused by condensation may result in mould growth.

Periodically aerating your RV whilst in storage is also recommended.

Whether you store your RV under cover or in the open, regularly check external sealants to ensure they are in good condition. Any external sealants which look split, cracked or have pulled away from the surface, need to be inspected and may need to be replaced.