

## **Caravan Storage Checklist**

Let's keep your adventures rolling—even while you're parked! Follow these 10 essential steps to store your caravan safely and keep it in top condition.

### **1. Clean Inside and Out**

- - Wash exterior to remove dust, salt spray, and grime.
- - Wax bodywork for UV protection.
- - Vacuum carpets and wipe down surfaces.
- - Remove all food items, including canned goods.
- - Place moisture absorbers inside to prevent mould.

### **2. Drain Water Systems**

- - Drain fresh, grey, and hot water tanks.
- - Run taps dry and leave slightly open.
- - Empty and clean toilet cassette.

### **3. Check and Charge Batteries**

- - Fully charge all batteries.
- - Disconnect to prevent parasitic drain.
- - Connect to solar or smart charger if possible.
- - Check electrolyte levels in serviceable batteries.

### **4. Protect Tyres**

- - Inflate to maximum recommended pressure.
- - Use tyre covers to protect from UV.
- - Move caravan slightly during storage if possible.
- - Park on wooden planks or blocks, not concrete.

### **5. Seal All Openings**

- - Close and lock all windows, doors, and roof hatches.
- - Fit vent covers or mesh to block pests.
- - Plug any openings around pipes/cables.
- - Use peppermint oil or dryer sheets inside.

### **6. Turn Off Gas Supply**

- - Turn off main gas valve.

- - Disconnect bottles for extended storage.
- - Store bottles upright, outside, ventilated.
- - Check gas hoses for cracks when reusing.

### **7. Lubricate Moving Parts**

- - Grease tow hitch, stabilisers, steadies, door/cupboard hinges.
- - Apply dry lube to rubber seals.
- - Wipe excess to prevent run-off or dust.

### **8. Cover or Shelter Your Caravan**

- - Use a carport, shed, or breathable caravan cover.
- - Avoid plastic tarps unless airflow is ensured.
- - Park nose-down for water runoff.

### **9. Check Insurance and Security**

- - Confirm insurance coverage for stored caravan.
- - Use wheel clamps, hitch locks, and deterrent stickers.
- - Photograph caravan interior and exterior.

### **10. Spot Issues Now to Avoid Bigger Repairs Later**

- - Inspect tyres, brakes, and lights.
- - Check seals, windows, and roof hatches.
- - Examine chassis for rust or loose parts.
- - Test lights, water pump, fridge, and 12V systems.
- - Check for pest signs under seats and beds.

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