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## MEGA RV PACKING CHECKLIST

Here's your Comprehensive RV Packing Checklist (aka The Mega Checklist), designed to cover everything you need while keeping things organized and practical. Some items show up in multiple places because convenience matters. Take lip balm, for example. You might want one in Personal & Bathroom Items, another under Car Must-Haves, and maybe even one in your purse. Do you need to buy three separate ones? That's up to you. For me the answer is yes, it's about knowing where things are when I need them. I set designated spots for key items. If something is always in the glove compartment, my nightstand, or my toiletry bag, I don't have to think about where I last used it. I know exactly where to reach when I need it.

When you start moving things around, that's when they go missing. Having a "one place, one purpose" rule for frequently used items saves frustration. It's a small luxury, but it's also a big convenience. When you're on the road, having everything in the right spot means more time focused on the trip and less time searching for misplaced essentials.



## Bathroom - Personal (Hers & Shared)

- After-sun lotion
- Alligator clips
- Aloe
- Anti-chafing stick
- Antibacterial soap or shower gel
- Barrettes / hair accessories
- Blow dryer & diffuser
- Bobby pins
- Body wash
- Brush, comb, wet brush, wide-tooth comb
- Dermaplane razors (face)
- Essential oils
- Exfoliating brush or mitt
- Face masks
- Face wash
- Facial cream / facial lotion
- Floss or water pick (+ charger)
- Hair bonnet
- Hair gel / styling products
- Hair heat protectant
- Hair mask
- Hair oil
- Hair products (general)
- Hair towels (2-3)

- Hats
- Lip balm / gloss
- Lotion applicator
- Makeup bag
- Makeup brushes
- Makeup remover / cleansing balm
- Menstrual supplies (cup, tampons, pads)
- Mirror (Cosmetic, freestanding, or wall-mounted)
- Mousse / gel
- Mouthwash
- Personal medications (prescription & OTC)
- Razors (body)
- Scrunchies
- Shampoo & conditioner/Leave-in conditioner
- Shaving cream
- Shower cap / hair cap
- Shower flip-flops  
(optional if you need to shower in a shared facility)
- Soap holders
- Sponge
- Straightener / flat iron
- Toothbrush (manual or electric + charg
- Toothpaste
- Wall-hanging squeeze bottle containers
- Wet tushy wipes







## KITCHEN TOOLS, APPLIANCES & ACCESSORIES

- Air fryer (with silicone mats)
- Apron
- Avocado saver / avocado container
- Big skillet
- Blender (cups, blades, lids)
- Bottle washers
- Can opener (electric)
- Can opener (manual)
- Chopsticks
- Citrus squeezer
- Collapsible bowls
- Collapsible mixing bowls
- Collapsible strainers
- Cold packs (for coolers)
- Cooling rack
- Countertop ice maker
- Cutting board(s)
- Digital thermometer / candy thermometer
- Dish gloves
- Dish mats (2)
- Dish scrubbers
- Dish soap
- Eating utensils
- Electric kettle (with base)

- Extension cord
- Food scale
- Fruit net / produce net
- Grill or portable BBQ
- Grill utensils
- Hand mixer (small)
- Ice machine
- Ice packs
- Ice trays
- Infrared thermometer gun
- Internal meat thermometer
- Knife set
- Liquid measuring cup
- Mandolin
- Measuring cups & spoons
- Microplane / zester
- Mickey Mouse waffle maker
- Mini food processor
- Mixing bowls
- Oven mitts / potholders
- Paper muffin liners
- Paper towels
- Parchment paper
- Pizza stone (heat stabilizer for oven)



## Dry Goods & Pantry Items

- All-purpose flour
- Baking powder
- Baking soda
- Barbecue sauce
- Breadcrumbs / panko
- Brown sugar
- Candy selection
- Cereal / granola
- Chips
- Chocolate-covered almonds (or similar snacks)
- Coconut oil
- Cornstarch
- Crackers & snacks
- Dulce de leche
- Favorite spices & herbs
- Hot sauce
- Italian seasoning
- Jalapeños
- Ketchup
- Kosher salt
- Maple syrup / pancake syrup
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Nuts

- Oatmeal kit (oatmeal, chia, hemp)
- Olive oil
- Pancake mix
- Peanut butter
- Pickles
- Popcorn
- Powdered ranch mix
- Powdered sugar
- Protein powder
- Ranch dressing
- Rice & pasta
- Salad dressing
- Salt & pepper
- Salsa
- Small pancake syrups
- Soy sauce
- Spray oil
- Sugar (white, brown, powdered)
- Taco seasoning
- Vanilla
- Vinegar
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## Meal Prep & Trip Extras

Small things that make a BIG difference on RV trips.

Corn picks (for corn on the cob)

Kitchen torch (hand-held)

Recipe album or binder

Sandwich picks

Stuff from home fridge  
(transfer essentials before leaving)

### Organization, Convenience & Kitchen Helpers

Chip clips

Fridge magnets (for notes, recipes, reminders)

Notepad & pen (for grocery lists, reminders)

Photos of favorite meals  
(or printed recipes for quick access)

Reusable labels  
(for leftovers, pantry items, meal prep)

### Hospitality, Camp Etiquette & Community

Thank-you notes (for RV park staff, campground hosts, or helpful neighbors)

Small hostess gifts (optional; great when visiting friends at campgrounds)

Fun family-name flag

holiday decorations if allowed

a wreath on your camper door!

Extra reusable shopping bags

Food storage containers  
(for leftovers or picnic meals)

Mini spice kit (if not using full pantry)

Portable tablecloth or picnic blanket

Reusable water bottle (for outings/trails)

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## Quick & Effective Pet Accident Cleanup (RV-Friendly Method)

- 1. Lift the moisture.**  
Use paper towels or a clean cloth to gently press on the area and absorb as much liquid as possible. Avoid rubbing—this prevents spreading the mess into the flooring or fabrics.
- 2. Apply an enzyme-based cleaner generously.**  
Enzyme products need good coverage to break down the odor-causing compounds. Make sure the entire spot, plus a small border around it, is treated
- 3. Allow a short soak period.**  
Let the cleaner rest for a few minutes so the enzymes can activate. Even 3–5 minutes is helpful if you're short on time; go longer if the mess is larger or on soft surfaces.
- 4. Speed-dry the area (RV workaround).**  
Because RVs don't always have ideal airflow, help the spot dry faster by using one of these:
  - A small portable fan
  - Air purifier running nearby
  - Open window + roof vent combo
  - Paper towels to blot excess cleaner after the soak
  - A dry microfiber cloth to finish absorbing moisture
- 5. Re-treat if you still notice odor.**  
If any scent remains, apply another light layer of enzyme cleaner and allow a brief soak. Odor removal is essential as dogs will return to any spot they can still smell.

## Black Tank & RV System Cleaning

Black tank treatment (pods, liquid, or drop-ins such as Happy Camper)

### WHY YOU SHOULD NEVER USE BLEACH IN YOUR BLACK TANK

- Bleach kills the beneficial bacteria that break down waste.
- It neutralizes enzyme-based tank treatments.
- It can create ammonia gas when mixed with urine compounds.
- It can damage gaskets, seals, and tank linings.

## DOG & PET SUPPLIES

### Comfort & Bedding

- Big fluffy dog beds
- Dog beds for car rides
- Raised dog beds for outdoor use
- Travel mats or cooling mats
- Collars, Leashes & Safety

#### Collars with ID tags

- Dog seatbelts / harness seatbelts
- Leashes (short, long, retractable, hands-free)
- LED or reflective collars (for night walks).  
Don't forget their chargers if needed.
- Poop bags
- Poop scooper
- Seat covers (to protect RV + car seats)

#### Food & Feeding - Dog Food Types:

- Dry dog food (kibble)
- Frozen dog food  
(raw, lightly cooked, freeze-dried rehydrated)
- Mix-ins (toppers, broths, oils)
- Wet dog food (cans or pouches)
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#### Treats

- Chew treats
- High-value training treats
- Long-lasting chews (yak chews)
- Dental chews
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### Bowls & Feeding Gear

- Bowl stands with removable inserts
- Elevated bowls
- Travel water bowl
- Two-section feeding bowl
- Water bowls (home, travel, beach)
- Water bottles for dogs

#### Grooming & Cleanliness

- Dog brush or slicker brush
- Dog shampoo
- Dog towels
- Dog wipes (for paws, bellies, faces)
- Flea & tick shampoo
- Nail clippers or grinder
- Paw balm
- Portable paw-wash cup

#### Toys & Enrichment

- Chew toys
- Fetch toys (balls, frisbees)
- Flirt pole
- Food puzzles
- Interactive toys
- Lick mats
- Plush toys
- Snuffle Mats





## Car Essentials for Humans & Dogs:

Everything you may need for comfort, safety, travel readiness, and dog care while in the vehicle on the road.

- Blankets (for warmth or comfort during the ride)
- Collapsible dog water bowl & Water (or preferred travel water solution)
- Dog seatbelts / harness restraints
- Hand sanitizer
- Lip balm
- Lotion (small travel size)
- Phone chargers & plugs
- Pillows (optional for long rides)
- Portable USB fan (with charger)
- Purse with wallet
- Snacks for dogs
- Snacks for humans
- Sunglasses
- Travel tissue packs
- Water bottles (for human passengers)
- Wet hand wipes
- Window shades (check size for your vehicle)
- Windshield visor

### Outdoor & Beach Gear

- Baby powder (for removing sand)
- Ball for catch on beach
- Beach bag
- Beach games & toys

- Beach mats/Blue sand walking mat
- Camping chairs/chairs & Folded table
- Canopy, topper & stakes
- Cold pack for owies
- Cooler bag (1-3 people)
- Hard-top cooler (3+ people)
- Dog leashes/line & Sand stakes(for dogs)
- Dog raised beds
- Towels (for humans and dogs)
- Water (for dogs and humans)
- Firewood & fire starter/ Long lighter
- Fly swatter
- Mosquito repellent
- Footrests
- Clothing: Hats, jacket, swim cover
- Ice for cooler/ Ice in zip locks (for drinks)
- Insulated water bottle & Dog Water bowl
- Kite and kite accessories
- Lanterns or string lights
- Lighter fluid for BBQ (if needed)
- Reading material
- Roasting sticks for marshmallows
- Sunscreen/Sunscreen lip balm
- Umbrella shade(s) that attach to chair(s)





## WHY TABLECLOTHS MATTER AT CAMPSITES

Campground picnic tables look convenient, but you never know what happened on that surface before you arrived.

### Even at very nice RV parks:

- Dogs jump on tables
- Kids stand on them
- People prep meat or fish directly on top
- Firewood is stacked there
- Use your imagination about other potential gross things people may put on top of a table...  
At a campground.

### Solution

Use elastic-edge fitted covers that hug the table and don't blow away and keep your food, plates, and hands clean.

### ABOUT YOUR CAMPSITE AESTHETIC:

Every RVer has a different vibe.

Choose the aesthetic that makes you feel at home. Such as...

Minimalist  
Cozy home-style  
Boho desert  
Patriotic  
Colorful holiday  
Simple chairs + dog beds (your style!)

### Additional Ideas to Include

- Portable propane fire pit  
(great where wood fires are restricted)
- Outdoor fan (battery or USB for summer)
- Motion-sensor security light
- Portable Bluetooth speaker  
(volume respectful)
- Weatherproof storage tote for outdoor gear
- Shoe bin for outdoors vs indoors  
(keeps sand + dirt outside)

## Meditation, Relaxation, and Yoga

- Affirmation cards or journal prompts
- Blanket  
(soft and cozy for Savasana or seated meditation)
- Candles  
(battery-operated or dog-safe scents)
- Essential oils and diffuser (dog safe)
- Guided meditation, relaxation, and/or Yoga downloads, videos, or playlists
- Headphones  
for yoga/restorative practice
- Incense, incense holder, lighter
- Journal (personal)
- Meditation, yoga, self-help books
- Meditation timer or app
- Noise-canceling headphones
- Rocks or crystals (if relevant to you)
- Soft lighting (string lights or lamp with dimmer)
- Sound machine or ambient sound app
- Yoga bolster
- Yoga blocks
- Yoga mat
- Yoga strap
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## Games, Tech & Hobbies

- Adult coloring books
- Board games
- Card games
- Craft bin or hobby bag
- Crocheting supplies (yarn, hooks)
- Diamond painting kit
- DIY project supplies
- Drawing supplies (sketchpad, pencils)
- Extension cord or power bank
- iPad or tablet (with charger)
- Jump drives
- Kindle (with charger)
- Painting supplies (watercolors, brushes, pads)
- Photography gear
- Puzzle books
- Tablet stand or pillow stand (optional)
- Travel printer (if needed)
- Video game consoles & controllers
- Video game chargers
- Video games (physical or downloaded)
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