



5 TIPS

THAT EXTEND YOUR TRAILER'S LIFESPAN

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1. Cleaning

Wash the trailer regularly.

Wash the floor and sealant regularly.

Wash the shower tray a few times a year.

You can use most cleaning detergents except green soap. It can cause the glass fibre to give off a bad smell.

Be sure to remove any left over soap after cleaning. Soap residue can cause mold if left on the sealant.

Polish the trailer regularly to prevent dirt and algae from manifesting.

Rinse all water traps / drains thoroughly with hot water a few times a year.

Flush the toilet pump / macerator thoroughly with hot water a few times a year.



2. Frost prevention

Empty toilets, pumps and tanks. Open the water heater so the water can run out. Remember to empty all hoses / pipes as well. Pour some antifreeze in toilets, drains and sinks.

Procedure:

First, turn off the water heater and disconnect the external water.

Open all faucets and showers. Mixer faucets must be removed and emptied using air pressure.

Empty the water heater and hoses by opening all the drain cocks / valves and the pressure relief valve on the water heater.

Empty cisterns by flushing toilets one last time.

Pour some antifreeze in toilets, drains and sinks.

For toilets with a pump / macerator:
Pour antifreeze in the toilet until the pump starts. As soon as it does, turn it off.

For vacuum toilets:
Pour antifreeze in the toilet and flush again. It is important that antifreeze enters the pump, so you must keep doing this until you can see it has made it inside.

Leave the heat on inside the trailer and the electric compartment for as long as the trailer is in use.



3. Ventilation

Ventilation is important so the trailer does not attract mold and odors - even when not in use. There are many who cover the ventilation holes to retain heat inside the trailer. This increases the risk of odors which can be difficult to remove afterwards. For long-term storage, it is a good idea to leave one window slightly open. If the trailer has a window shutter, you can leave the window open in a tilted position, but still leave the window shutter closed.

4. Maintenance

Lubricate the support legs and jockey wheel with oil once in a while so they do not get stuck and break.

Close any holes in the outer walls as soon as possible so no water enters. Penetrating water can result in frost damages.

Use a doormat and a carpet to protect the floor. Sand and pebbles cause wear and tear on the floor.

Lubricate hinges in exterior doors as well as lock cylinders. Tighten door handles.

Check cabinet doors once in a while and retighten.

5. Regular status checks

Check the tires, tire pressure, overrun brake, brake cables and lights regularly.

Keep an eye on the sealant to make sure it is intact and closes tightly.

Keep an eye on the trailer's water installation to avoid leaks. If they are not detected in time, it can cause major damages.