

RVR Kelowna Winter Rental Agreement

This document serves as an appendix to the RVR Kelowna Terms and Conditions and is integral to the Rental Agreement. All renters who are traveling during periods when freezing temperatures may occur must carefully read, understand, and sign this agreement, indicating acceptance of the following terms.

Winterization of Units:

All RVR Kelowna units may be winterized when temperatures consistently remain below freezing. Consequently, there will be NO water available onboard. Renters must provide external water jugs, and the sinks and shower facilities will be unusable. To use the toilet, renters must carry antifreeze to prevent liquids from freezing in the tank. Similarly, if you intend to use the sinks, you must add a cup of antifreeze to the grey water tank after each use to prevent water from freezing in the p-trap. Note that the tanks should not exceed 50% capacity to allow for expansion if freezing occurs. As public dump stations will be closed, a dumping fee of \$100 will be applied if the grey or black water tanks are used.

Battery Maintenance:

Please be aware that batteries drain more rapidly in cold weather. The camper batteries power several essential systems and appliances, necessitating that they remain charged at all times. To maintain an adequate charge, the vehicle must be plugged into an electrical outlet (110V) each night. Plan your trip accordingly to ensure that such facilities are available at your overnight destinations.

Furnace Operation:

The furnace, a critical feature during winter, operates on propane. However, the ventilator that distributes heat throughout the camper draws power from the batteries. If the camper is not plugged in overnight, the furnace operation could drain the batteries, leading to malfunctions. Fully depleted batteries may require a special external charger for 5-6 days before they can hold a charge again.

Propane Supply:

Your propane supply powers several appliances, including the stove, oven (if applicable), refrigerator, and furnace. Depending on the vehicle type, propane tanks vary in size from 32L to 87L, and may not suffice for your entire trip, especially since the furnace consumes a significant amount of propane. Renters should plan their route with potential propane refill stations in mind. Be aware that propane can liquefy at temperatures around -42°C (-44°F), rendering propane-operated appliances inoperative. Wind chill during driving may cause the propane to liquefy faster than expected.

Engine Block Heater:

Starting the engine may become challenging when temperatures drop below -20°C. Some units may be equipped with an engine block heater. Where possible, plug in the block heater to an electrical source during low temperatures prior to starting the vehicle. This heater warms the engine, facilitating a quicker start and faster vehicle warm-up in extreme cold. An extension cord will be provided at pick-up for use when temperatures fall below -20°C, particularly when the vehicle is parked for extended periods (e.g., overnight). The block heater requires four hours to warm the engine before starting.

Generator Usage:

If your vehicle is equipped with a built-in generator, please note that generators may not function in cold temperatures and should not be relied upon as a backup source for 110V power or for recharging camper batteries.

Cancellation Clause:

RVR Kelowna reserves the right to cancel any booking if temperatures are forecasted to fall below -35°C for safety reasons. In such cases, a full refund of the rental cost will be provided. Extreme cold may cause a loss of pressure in the propane tank, potentially disabling the furnace and other essential appliances.

Liability for Freezing Damage:

By signing this agreement, the renter accepts full responsibility for any damage to the domestic water system caused by freezing during the rental period. Upon the vehicle's return, the domestic water system will be thoroughly tested for leaks. If any part of the system remains frozen, the security deposit will be retained until a proper test can be conducted and damages assessed. Any damage costs must be settled before the security deposit is refunded.

Acknowledgment and Acceptance:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the terms outlined in this document, which are crucial for winter rentals.

Renter's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This document is binding and forms part of the overall Rental Agreement with RVR Kelowna. All other terms and conditions apply.