

WINTER RENTALS

Winterized Vehicles

Please note that all vehicles departing between October 01 – April 30 may be subject to winterization. The decision will be based on the projected temperatures at the time of departure and the weather forecast. If the vehicle is winterized, it will have no water on board. You will have to supply external water jugs and the shower will not be usable. If you wish to use the toilet you will need to carry plumbing anti-freeze (not to be confused with motor vehicle anti-freeze) with you to ensure the liquids will not freeze in the tank. The same goes for the sinks (grey water). If you are planning on draining any liquids down the grey water tank please note: a cup of antifreeze will be required after each use to ensure no water is freezing in the p-trap and the tanks cannot be more than 50% full (leaving enough air for expansion in the event the contents freeze after all). As all public dump stations will be closed, a dumping fee of \$25 will be levied upon return if the grey- or black water tank have been used.

Batteries

Please be aware that batteries drain much faster in cold weather. The camper batteries are connected to several appliances and electrical systems in your camper and therefore have to be kept charged up at all times. In order to keep your batteries at a working level the vehicle needs to be plugged in to an electrical power outlet each night. Therefore, please plan your trip accordingly and ensure that 110V plug-ins are available at your destination for the night.

Furnace

One of the most important features in your camper during the winter months is your furnace. Your furnace is running on propane but the automatically connected ventilator for distributing the heat inside the camper is drawing its power from your batteries (a night without being plugged in while your furnace is running might drain your batteries enough to prevent them from functioning properly. Once batteries are depleted they will no longer accept charges and need to be connected to a special external charger for 5-6 days before they are able to hold any charge).

Propane

Several appliances are running off your propane supply:

Stove top, oven (if applicable), refrigerator and as mentioned above – the furnace.

Supplied propane on board varies from 32l – 87l depending on the vehicle type and will likely not last for your entire trip (especially because the furnace will be drawing a lot of propane). Therefore, another important point to implement into your planning stage for winter camping is possible locations to refill your propane supply along your planned route.

IMPORTANT: Propane transforms to a liquid state at approximately -42°C (-44°F), which will render all propane-operated appliances inoperative. It is important to note that while driving, the wind chill may cause propane to cool down further below the actual outside temperature, and may therefore liquefy faster than expected.

Engine Block Heater:

Once temperatures drop below -20°C, starting the engine may become more difficult. As these winter temperatures are common in several regions of Canada, all our vehicles are equipped with an engine block heater. A block heater warms the engine to increase the chances for the engine to start as well as warm up your vehicle faster than it normally would in extremely cold weather. The renter will receive an extension cord at time of pick up to plug in the engine block heater whenever temperatures are falling below -20°C, particularly when parked for a longer time period (i.e. overnight). The block heater is connected to a power cord routed through the vehicle's grill and needs four hours to warm up the engine before it is started.

Generator

If your vehicle is equipped with a built-in generator, please bear in mind that generators may not start in cold temperatures and are therefore not a safe back up to rely on for producing 110V and recharging your camper batteries.

Attention

If forecasted temperatures are below -35°C we keep the right to cancel the booking for safety reasons (with a full refund of your rental cost). Extreme temperatures may cause a lack of pressure in the propane tank and may prevent your furnace and other appliances from working properly.

