



Spring season is a great time to start planning your next great adventures. Following these steps will get your trailer ready to hit the road safely.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

MAINTENANCE GUIDE

In addition to review this Spring Maintenance Guide, be sure to reference [Happier Camper's Maintenance Guide](#) routinely to keep your camper in top shape! With proper care and maintenance, your camper will be on the road for years to come.

GATHER YOUR TOOLS

Before you begin, we recommend reading through this guide and gathering the tools and gear you will need, such as your charging cable, propane tank, and cleaning supplies! That way, you can knock out these steps more efficiently and be ready for your first adventure of the camping season!

RECHARGE YOUR BATTERIES

As part of our [Prepare Your Camper for Winter](#) guide, we recommended that you charged your camper battery every 2-3 weeks or have unplugged your battery by disconnecting one terminal. This step preserves the longevity of your battery over time.

Top off your battery by plugging into shoreline power or a generator overnight (or at least 6 hours). If any of your electrical components are acting strangely after storage, your battery might just need a full charge!

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

INSPECT THE FIBERGLASS EXTERIOR

Fiberglass and gelcoat are known for their durability and impermeability but need regular care. It's very important to check the exterior of your camper for cracks, leaks, or damage that may have occurred while your camper was in storage for winter.

If you find any issues and need help diagnosing them or finding a service provider, please contact our [Support team](#) right away. If you used an exterior cover for the winter, be sure to let it completely dry before storing.

SAFETY FEATURES

When your camper is hooked up to your vehicle with the 7-pin connector, ensure the turn signals and brake lights are in working order. Confirm that the fire extinguisher is not expired and the CO2 monitor's batteries are not dead.

CHECK YOUR TOWING EQUIPMENT

Make sure your trailer hitch is in good order before you hit the road. By performing routine hitch inspections and maintenance, you can avoid failure on the road. First, inspect the ball mount and receiver for any signs of rust or bending. The nut on the tongue latch should be tight. Our [Coupler Maintenance Guide](#) walks you through additional steps that are important to follow.

Check the safety chains for any cracked or misshapen links- this can be a sign of weakened integrity. Also, make sure that chains are not hanging too low. To avoid overhanging, pull both chains all the way toward the front and twist and turn until they are about 4" off the ground then click them to your hitch.



Ensure that the hitch, particularly the folding tongue and bolts on the HC1 Suite, are in good condition.

LUBRICANTS AND GREASE

Lube moving parts such as stabilizers, doorstep track, door hinges, tongue, joints, screws, dead-bolt. Please use a lubricant made for RV's.

Grease is recommended for the ball hitch, hitch pins, safety pins, coupler, and axle nuts. Use an RV-grade grease.

If you have any questions about the lubricants and grease, please contact the Support team or a service provider.

Do not use WD-40 on your trailer.

REINSTALL YOUR PROPANE

If you use a forced air heater, it's time to reinstall the propane tank that you've stored away from the elements. Make sure your tank has propane! Follow the instructions to wake up your heater's control panel, prime the propane, and get your heater running.

CHECK YOUR TIRES

Before hitting the road, ensure your tires (including your spare!) are the appropriate PSI- refer to your Tire and Loading information label on the inside of your camper's side door. You should also visually inspect the tires for any bulges or missing rubber. Be sure to check that the nuts are tightened as well.

Double check that the bolts on your tire are not loose or damaged. We recommend scheduling an appointment with a service provider to ensure they are tightened properly.

CHECK THE INTERIOR

SANITIZE YOUR WATER SYSTEM

After long periods of infrequent use, it's important to flush your water system. We recommend cycling water through your clean water tanks 1-2 times. If you need to sanitize

your tanks or lines, you can add 3/4 tsp of household bleach per gallon of freshwater. Let it sit for twelve hours before draining it. Diluted bleach is safe to use but you can flush the system with clean water if desired.

DO SOME SPRING CLEANING

Want to get rid of any built-up dust & grime? Use these tips to get your camper looking in top shape again. We have additional tips in the [Maintenance Guide](#).

- Use a non-abrasive cleaner or Magic Eraser to wipe down Adaptiv cubes
- For fiberglass, use mild soap & water followed by Lucas Speed Wax
- Zep Orange Degreaser on laminate, refrigerators, or other surfaces inside the trailer

NEED SOME HELP?

GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

Contact support@happiercamper.com with any questions you may have about getting your camper ready for your first spring adventure!