



## Checklist Collection - Packing and Traveling

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Thank you for downloading my Checklist Collection, and thanks for supporting my website. I hope it's been helpful and has given you some good ideas. Be sure to check back as time goes on to see what's new.

The documents you'll find on the following pages are:

- Packing for a Trip Checklist
- Before and After Travel Checklist
- To Do List

You need to create your own checklists that work well for you. Hopefully these will give you some ideas to get started with. If you have questions or comments, please drop me a note at [denny@tinytowable.com](mailto:denny@tinytowable.com).

- Denny

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## **Packing for a Trip Checklist**

This is the checklist we use in the days leading up to a trip. We leave it sitting on our kitchen counter and mark things off as they get loaded into either our travel trailer or truck.

NOTE: We certainly don't take all the items on every trip. We generally put a checkmark in those we pack, and an X in those we aren't taking. It helps us make sure we don't just overlook something.

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## Notes about some of the items

Here are some notes about items on the checklist that may not be so obvious

**(Denny) Truck Cab** - I'm responsible for getting things loaded into the truck. We have an extended cab, so we put some things inside the truck just because we have the extra room, but mostly it's the things we want easy access to while we are on the road.

- **GPS** - We normally use Waze or Google Maps on one of our phone for GPS navigation while driving. A few times however, we've run into areas where we had no cell coverage for a long time and the apps couldn't load maps for where we were. As a backup, we take an old Garmin with us, which has the maps self-contained.
- **Printed Maps/Atlas** - While GPS is our main method of find our way, printed maps are often handy to get a bigger picture when we are on the road and route alternatives.
- **TT Cards** - These are my tinyTowable business cards which I give away whenever I meet new people during our travels that are interested in Travel Trailers and/or RVs

**(Denny) Truck Bed** - We carry several tubs that are organized in a way that we can generally find what we are looking for pretty easily. Overall I prefer the smaller tubs because they are more flexible to arrange and lighter when reaching to lift them out of the truck bed.

See the images that follow the checklist to see roughly how I arrange things in the truck. Items at the top of the page go up against the truck cab. They are the least frequently used, and with the bed cover I have, that's the hardest location to get to. Things I generally need before unloading at the campground are positioned so they are easy to get to.

- **Tub: Rope & Bungees** - If you don't have bungees, go purchase a bag. It's amazing how many uses you'll come up with for them while traveling.
- **Tub: Spare Trailer Hub** - I'm probably overly paranoid, but I carry a spare trailer wheel hub, along with wheel bearing grease...just in case one were to fail and leave me stranded along the roadside.
- **Tub: Emergency** - Contains a few things I don't generally need. (12 volt tire compressor, sledge hammer, hatchet, WD40)
- **Box: Liquids** - This is an odd shaped wooden box I made that fits behind the wheel well. It contains liquids, some in bottles that need to stand upright. (glass cleaner, household cleaner, household cleanser, bug spray, wasp spray, hand cleaner)
- **Tub: Electrical** - (outdoor lights, extension cords, TV cables, TV Antenna)
- **Parts Box** - I have an old fishing tackle box that is loaded with all kinds of spare parts, bulbs, fuses, screws, nuts, bolts, rivets, glue, grease, small tools, etc.
- **Tub: Fire** - (propane, campfire starters)
- **Tub: Parking** - {wheel chocks, wood blocks for leveling)
- **Tub: Handy Stuff** - Things I like to keep handy and easily accessible from the back of the truck (gloves, plyers, sockets, hammer, tape, electrical adapters, etc.)
- **Tub: FlipFlops/Gloves** - (for walking when it's wet for to the bathhouse / work gloves when needed)

- **Antenna Poles** - I use expandable painter poles to support a TV antenna and sometimes a cellphone antenna at the campground
- **Portable Light** - We have a very bright portable that runs on 4 D-cell batteries. It's very handy when you need to do something outside at night. It can sit on a table or the ground, and also has a handle that can be used to hang it. It's often more convenient than using a flashlight.

**By the way...**

I've tried using both large tubs and small tubs in the back of the truck, and I've ended up with a mix, but mostly small. The key is to be able to reach them easily without having to unload more than necessary, but also for them not to be too heavy should you have to stretch to reach them.

**(Denny) Truck Cab**

- Phone Charger     Tool Set     Camera/Tripod     Flashlight     Speakerphone
- GPS/Maps/Atlas     Umbrellas     Tire Gauge     Jumper Cables     TT Cards

**(Denny) Truck Bed**

- Tub:Rope & Bungees     Tub:Spare Trailer Hub     Tub:Emergency     Box:Liquids
- Tub:Electrical     Parts Box     Tub:Fire     Tub: Parking
- Camp Stove     Tub: Handy Stuff     Tub: FlipFlops/Gloves     Gas Grill
- Big Folding Table     Small Folding Tables     Slat Table     Shade Umbrella
- Camp Chairs     Recliners     Hoses (White/Green)     Ladder
- Cellphone Antenna     Antenna Poles     Big Ext Cord     Shovel
- Portable Light     Kneeling Pad     Wash Brush on Pole     Torque Wrench
- Door Mat     Grill Thermometer     Fire Tongs     Hand Towel

**(Denny) Inside Trailer-Personal stuff, etc.**

- CPAP Machine/Water     Razor     Batteries     Spare Glasses
- Phone Chargers/Cables     Notepad-5x7/Clipboard     Campgr Review Shts     Movies (USB)
- Computers/chargers     Backups/Images     Ext & USB drives     SD Card Reader

**(Fay) Truck Cab**

- Coffee Mugs     Small Ice Chest     Ice     Snacks

**(Fay) Inside Trailer-Personal stuff, etc.**

- Clothes     Shower Gown     Medicines     Cash
- Toothbrushes/paste     Bath Soap/Shampoo     Handsoap     Toilet Paper
- Laundry Deterg/Softnr     Dish Soap     Paper Towels     Foil
- First Aid Kit     Outside Towel     Baggies     Rags
- Spare Glasses     Heating Pad     Passports

**(Fay) Inside Trailer-Food Related**

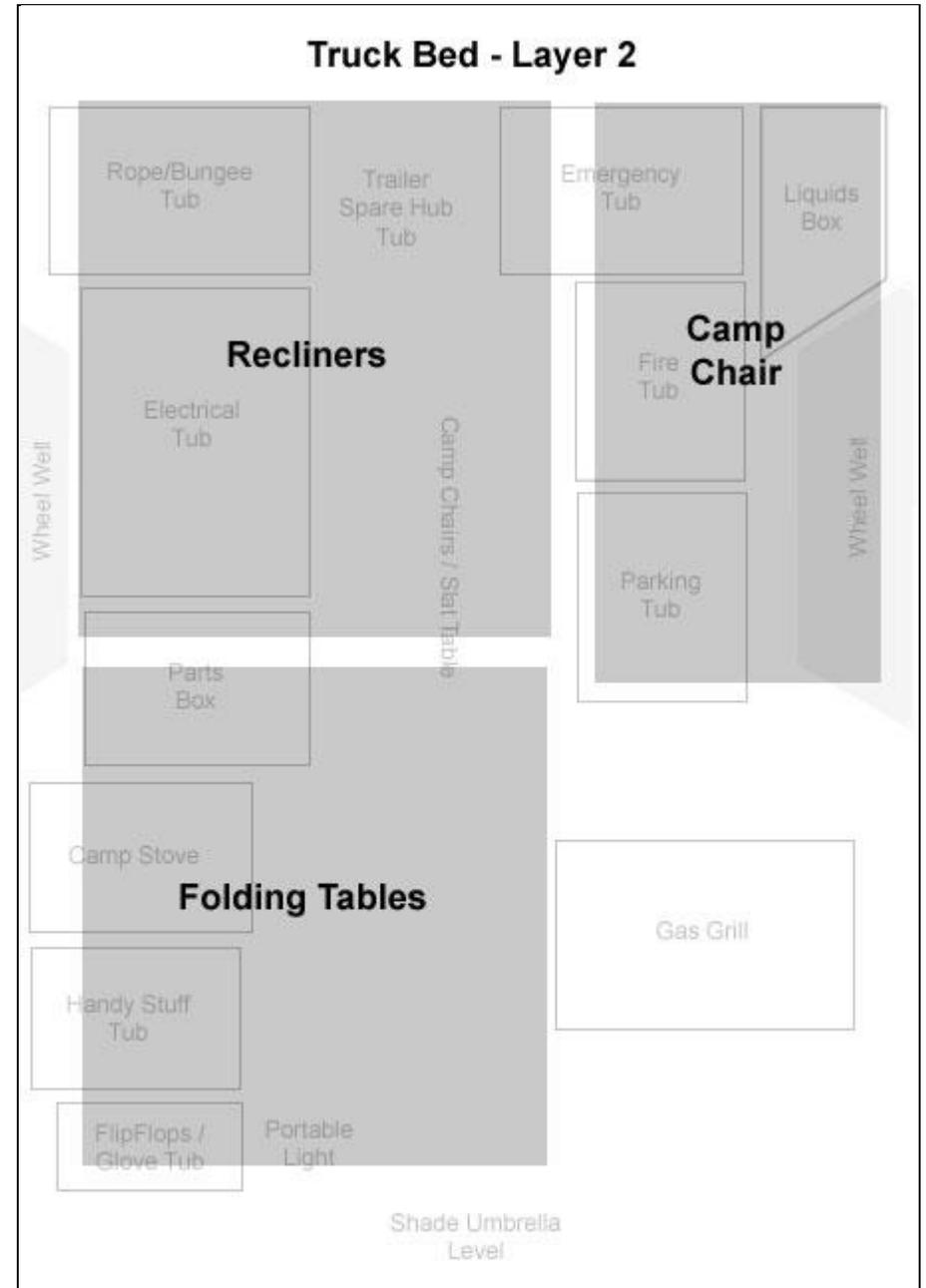
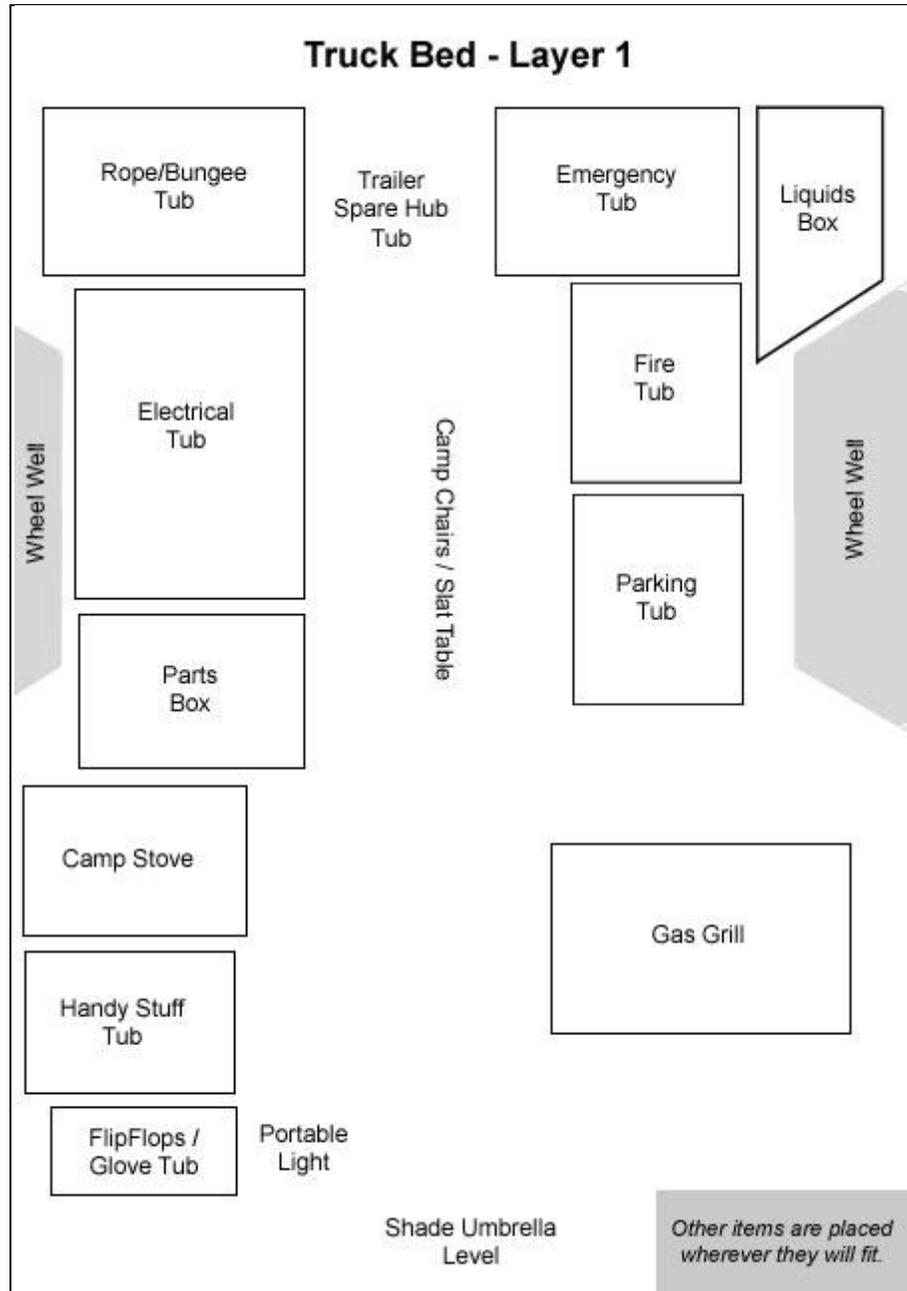
- Drinking Water     Coffee     Sugar     Cream
- Milk     OJ     Breakfast Stuff     Lemon
- BBQ Sauce     Hot Sauce     Salad Dressing     Oil
- Coffee Makers     Coffee Bean Grinder     Skillet

**(Fay) Other**

**(Denny) Other**



# Loading the Truck Bed



**Loading the Truck Bed** (I decided not to take the Joe Shade Umbrella after photo #2)



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## **Before and After Travel Checklist**

This checklist lists the things we check each day before we start travel and after we stop. It includes setting up when we arrive at the campground and packing up when we leave.

NOTE: Not all items are needed each time. We generally put a checkmark in those we complete, and an X in those we are skipping. It helps us make sure we don't just overlook something.

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### **Before Travel**

- Tires-truck:35 lbs Trailer:65 lbs
- Water Heater turned off
- Put water in fresh water tank? (1½" per shower)
- Sewer hose stowed
- Water Hose/Power cord stowed
- TV & Phone antenna & cables stowed
- Windows/blinds closed, drawers/doors locked
- Roof vents closed
- Open/Close propane tanks as appropriate
- Fridge on LP (verify) or off
- Stabilizer jacks up

### **Setup-Full**

- Level trailer side to side
- Chock wheels
- Adj jack for very little weight on the hitch
- Remove WDH tension chains & triangle plate
- Remove elec plug, breakaway & safety chains
- Unlock trailer coupler & move truck forward
- Level trailer front to rear
- Stabilizer jacks down

### **Setup-Overnight**

- Park as level as possible
- Adj jack to take some weight off hitch
- Stabilizer jacks down
- Check A/C with tester
- Connect surge suppressor and power cord
- Fridge on A/C (verify)
- Hookup water (Y > pres reg > hose > filter)
- [- OR -] Get gallon jug of water for flushing toilet
- Open/Close propane tanks as appropriate
- Spray for bugs
- Install TV (or cable) and Phone Antenna

### **Before Trip**

- Charge trailer battery
- Install Water heater anode
- Lug nuts (13/16" - Trailr:100 lbs Truck:113lbs)
- Clean/Lub Hitch ball/coupler

### **After Trip**

- Drain greywater
- Remove water heater anode
- Clean grill

### *Getting ready to tow*

- Front wheel chocks move 1" forward
- Trailer coupler hitched
- Adj jack for very little weight on hitch
- WDH Triangle Plate installed
- WDH Chains tensioned (L-10/R-9 turns)
- Front jack raised all the way
- Pack jack stand/wood block
- Safety Chains, Breakaway sw, Trlr elec plug
- Verify brake light and turn signals
- Wheel chocks removed
- Final look inside and out, step up, door locked

- Check A/C with tester
- Connect surge suppressor and power cord
- Fridge on A/C (verify)
- Turn off gas at tank (if not needed)
- Hookup water (Y > pres reg > hose > filter)
- Make sure all gas appliances are off
- Light hot water heater (full of water)
- Spray for bugs
- Install TV (or cable) and phone antennas

### **Before Travel after Overnight**

- Water heater turned off
- Put water in fresh water tank (1½" per shower)
- Water hose/Power cord stowed
- TV antenna/cable stowed
- Windows/blinds closed, drawers/doors locked
- Roof vents closed
- Fridge on LP or off
- Stabilizer jacks up
- Front jack raised all the way
- Verify brake light and turn signals
- Final look inside and out, step up, lock door

### **Before Trip - Things at home**

- Turn off water to house
- Turn off water heater
- Put A/C & Heat on vacation mode
- Setup lights on timers
- Verify security lights and cameras are working
- Stop mail delivery
- Let neighbors know we'll be gone

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## **To Do List**

I keep this as an ongoing document of things to do related to traveling with our Casita. I print it off before we start on a trip and hang it on a clipboard inside the trailer. I then add things I come up with all along the trip. When I get back home, it goes on my workbench in the garage. Before a new trip, I update the master copy on the computer then print off a new one to take along with in the trailer.

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**ToDo**

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**Buy/Put in Trailer**

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