

Making Life Easier in my Vintage Motorhome

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- 1) Use square plastic containers to store food. Less wasted space and more stackable
- 2) To clean plastic toilets and preventing 'stuff' from sticking, dump Dawn dishwasher inside and also wipe down with Dawn.
- 3) Put 4 squirts of Dawn in holding tank rather than commercial products, breaks down stuff.
- 4) Baking soda, Dawn, Fabric Softener, and Vinegar makes a great holding tank deodorizer and aids in total emptying.
- 5) Ice cubes in holding tank while traveling, breaks things loose and helps get everything out.
- 6) Portable shower wand... can move from shower to kitchen sink
- 7) Black tank rinse systems allow fresh water to be sprayed into the black tank to flush it out. **MAKE SURE YOU MONITOR IT AND DO NOT ALLOW IT TO OVERFLOW.**
- 8) Ragusa step is great.
- 9) To gain a lot of space under the kitchen sink, move the 'P' trap to the back wall instead of the center of the space. Works the same but frees up a lot of space.
- 10) Some campgrounds have VERY high water pressure and can cause leaks in your coach. Use a pressure regulator on the end of your water hose.
- 11) Fill up your water tank and disconnect the water line. Run your 12V water pump. When you run out of water, you need to refill fresh water and dump your black tank.
- 12) Replace the hallway night light with 24volt bulbs. Dimmer than the standard light but still plenty to see where you are going.
- 13) Wireless LED lights are great for closets, nighttime visits to the bathroom, etc.
- 14) Keep a \$5 LED flashlight handy at all times.
- 15) They make special hangers that are fold/attached below each other to better utilize closet space.
- 16) Another black tank deodorizer 1 gallon jug, big squirt of dawn, ¼ cup Lemon Lysol, water, add to black tank, cleans and deodorizes.
- 17) Use small bins from dollar store for storing stuff, stackable and fit under bed
- 18) "Weather Vane" style top of vent stack rotates and pulls odors out of black tank
- 19) Ken Henderson uses small trays that fit in his cabinets. Rather than digging out things, just pull out the whole tray and get what you need.
- 20) Use the metal awning hook to retrieve plastic tubs to store out of season clothes under bed.
- 21) Some use the 'magic' style hose for water, shrinks up when the pressure is turned off.
- 22) Harbor Freight has a motion sensor light that works nice in the bathroom
- 23) Replace floor lights with small LED trailer lights

- 24) Change out all fluorescence and incandescence lights in the coach to LEDs. They last a long time, draw very, very little amps and generate virtually no heat.
- 25) Packing clothes, pack for 1 week together. Wear jeans and Tees multiple times, layer clothes.
- 26) A 5 gallon bucket with lid makes a 'in motion' washing machine. Fill with underwear etc, some water and soap. Washes as it sloshes down the road.
- 27) Put a hanging rod across the back between the cabinet ends to hang clothes
- 28) There is a source for Fluorescence to LED conversions. Google them.
- 29) Campground water can blow lines in your coach. One coach just fills their fresh tank and never leaves the water supply turned on.
- 30) If you use a piece of leaf spring as a lifting aid when changing a rear tire, paint it Safety Yellow or similar color so you don't forget and leave it in place. Can cut a tire.
- 31) Know how to get out of the coach if a fire. Know where the fire extinguishers are. Keep a hammer to break window in the bedroom.
- 32) Good idea to have a bag with shoes and important papers you can grab on the way out. Keep Cell phone in bedroom. Most fires are between 2-4am.
- 33) Storing clothes- Navy roll. Roll shirts, skirts, pants to store. Won't wrinkle and you can get more in drawers.
- 34) Making the rear bed, sew the top sheet to the fitted bottom sheet. Use spatula to tuck into mattress.
- 35) Contact cement is not all the same. Use Landau and Vinyl Top adhesive from DOW. EVERYTHING else will let go in the heat. Can get at automotive upholstery shops.
- 36) Carry fire extinguishers by both front seats, kitchen, bedroom. Foam extinguishers are superior to the dry foam you can spray yourself if you have to get near or go through the fire