

How To Guide RangerRT



HOW TO: De-Winterizing

If you winterized only for a short time (less than a week) you can skip to the second step.

First step

You will need 2 gallons of water and 1 cup of fresh bleach. (Bleach loses its potency over time; always start with bleach that is less than 6 months old.)

- Mix up two gallons of water and one cup of chlorine bleach. Add to the fresh water fill in the driver's door post, using a funnel.
- This is a good time to get some stuff for spring cleaning of your Roadtrek, so drive around for an hour. Let it sit for a couple more hours.
- Open the fresh water tank drain valve under the driver's door step, and drain the tank.

This kills any bacteria in the tanks before you distribute them through the entire water system.

Second step

- Fill and drain to ground the fresh water tank. Fill again so that the tank is filled with fresh water, adding a cup of chlorine bleach halfway through the filling process.
- Turn the water pump on.
- Run both hot and cold water through the galley and bathroom sink until all pink antifreeze is out of the lines, and the faucets are running clear. Depress the toilet valve until the water runs clear. Run the outside shower faucets until they are clear.

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- Re-install the water heater if you stored it outside the vehicle. Leave it unplugged and off. Check to be sure the two fittings at the top of the water heater are hand tight. Tighten slightly at this stage and recheck after you undo the bypass valves, repressurizing the water heater.
- Return the three valves under the side bench down by the water pump to their summer positions - vertical for all three valves. The handles should be turned 90 degrees from their winterized positions so that they parallel the two vertical lines, and the third valve on the bottom horizontal line is across the line.



Water heater fittings



Fresh tank drain

- Open a hot water faucet and fill the water heater with water. Check for leaks at the two fittings at the top of the water heater. These are plastic fittings - tighten them clockwise by hand if possible, or gently use a pair of pliers cushioned with a cloth rag. **DO NOT APPLY EXCESSIVE PRESSURE TO THESE FITTINGS.** Do not overtighten past the point where they are sealed from water leaks.
- Drain the remaining contents of the fresh water tank to ground, and refill with fresh water. You can help get rid of any residual chlorine smell by adding a half cup of vinegar to this tankful, letting it sit a few hours or overnight, and then draining and refilling the tank.
- You do not have to dump the water in your gray and black water tanks after dewinterizing immediately, since it's just water and antifreeze.



Water heater bypass valves



Third water heater bypass valve