

Airstream Service Bulletin  
WINTERIZING YOUR AIRSTREAM

Watch out for freezing damage in: The hot and cold water lines; the waste drain system, including traps; the septic tank; the water heater.

**IN CASE THE TRAILER HAS HAD WATER PUT IN IT AFTER IT LEAVES THE PLANT:**

- 1 Level the trailer from side to side and front to rear, open all the faucets inside, and open the pressure water tank inlet faucet and remove the hand-fill cap.
- 2 Remove the brass caps from the 3/8" copper drain nipples protruding through the underbelly of trailer. (Most models will have three nipples, some four, located near rounded edge of underbelly.)
- 3 While water is draining from the system, go inside and open and close the toilet flushing valve. There is great danger of damage from freezing if water remains in this valve.
- 4 Remove the traps from your 1-1/4" plastic waste drain pipes. You will notice the traps are double ended...you can turn the two nuts on them and the bottom "U" comes out. Empty water from these and replace.
- 5 Pour about a cup of clear alcohol or clear anti-freeze into the shower or tub drain trap. (This is cast iron and there is no effective way of emptying it. Just dilute the water standing in it with some form of anti-freeze solution.) A word of CAUTION: Colored alcohol or anti-freeze will spot our plastic bath tubs; be careful when you pour it in.

**AND**

Before moving the trailer, be sure to flush out with more water as much of the anti-freeze from the shower or tub drain trap as possible - vibration on the road will cause it to splatter on tub and discolor it.

Be sure to open the septic tank drain valve in case the trailer is so equipped (this is very important as the sewage in the septic tank, if frozen, could seriously damage the tank).

- 7 Drop the front of the trailer as far as the jack will allow and see if water will continue to drain. Then crank the jack up as high as it will go and let any water drain.

- 8 Go inside trailer and close all valves, replace the hand-fill cap on the pressure water system, close the water intake faucet to the pressure tank, and replace the caps on drain tubes under trailer.

**Important**

- 9 Fill the pressure water tank with compressed air through the valve in the hand-fill nipple (at least 100 pounds pressure). Then remove one of the caps from the copper drain nipples under the underbelly and let the high pressure blow as much of the remaining water out through this one tube as possible. Replace cap on this nipple, pressurize again, then remove the second drain cap and follow the same procedure. Continue until each drain nipple has had its cap removed and the water blown out with compressed air. **DO NOT REPLACE THESE DRAIN CAPS.**

- 10 Open all faucets inside the trailer.

- 11 Remove cover of water purifier, if the trailer is so equipped, and drain purifier.

- 12 Don't forget . . . . If you have a battery on your trailer it will freeze if not up to charge.

This should completely winterize your trailer.