

## The Top 5 Tips for RV and Boat Storage

To best protect your boat or RV, these are the five most important issues to address when placing your valuable mobile property in storage.

### 1. Controlling Humidity

The air in a closed-up RV or boat will contain varying amounts of moisture, depending upon the local climate and storage method. An electric or chemical type dehumidifier is a very good safeguard against a high-humidity condition. If a dehumidifier is not used, crack open a side window or hatch to allow moist air to escape.

### 2. To Tarp or Not to Tarp

If your roof is maintained and in good condition, it will withstand the forces of Mother Nature. A tarp laid on the roof and draped down the walls is an invitation to dry rot. Also, a tarp will move with the wind, regardless of how well it is secured. This may result in chafing of the sidewall paint.

Tarps on boats will sag and collect water and ice. It is recommended that boats parked in open storage be shrink-wrapped. Contact Centennial's office manager at (303) 798-4440 for details on shrink-wrapping your boat.

### 3. Batteries

Clean and remove your battery(s) and store in a cool place. Top off the battery(s) water level and check/recharge it monthly. Deep cycle batteries will self-discharge in a month. Be sure to use only distilled water to top off the water level in the cells. An uncharged battery will freeze in sub-zero weather if left outdoors.

### 4. Tanks and Water Supplies

Regularly empty and rinse all holding tanks. In winter, all fresh water tanks, including hot water heaters, lines, and pumps should be drained and blown out with compressed air. Blowing out lines with compressed air is the safest method to protect tanks and water lines against freezing water. You should consult your local RV dealer for specific winterization instructions.

### 5. Tires

Check all tire pressures and protect from UV exposure by covering tires that are exposed to direct sunlight. Armor All® tire protection may be used in lieu of tire covers.