

Living the "Beast" Life: Preparedness over luck.

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The Ultimate RV Maintenance & Emergency Checklist

Adhesives & quick fixes

- **HVAC Aluminum Tape:** For window seals and temp roof patches (residue-free).
- **Duct Tape:** For high-strength mechanical hold and non-pressurized hose fixes.
- **Electrical Tape:** For wire insulation and rodent damage repair.
- **Zip Ties:** Assorted sizes (heavy-duty) for securing chassis wiring.

Mechanical & hand tools

- **Socket Sets:** Both SAE and Metric (Ensure you have a 1.5" for big lugs).
- **Adapters:** 1/4", 3/8", and 1/2" drive sizes.
- **Impact Driver & Cordless Drill:** For high-torque lug nuts and jacks.
- **Wrenches:** Standard set (Metric/SAE) + Breaker bar.
- **Screwdrivers:** Multi-bit driver + Extra-long reach drivers.
- **Pliers:** Needle-nose, Channel locks, and Vise-Grips.
- **Cutting Tools:** Heavy-duty knife/box cutter and wire crimpers.
- **Hammers:** Standard framing hammer + Mini-sledge + Axe.

Electrical system diagnostics

- **Multimeter:** To test 12V DC and 120V AC systems.
- **Spare Fuses:** AC/DC blade fuses + HRC fuses for solar systems.
- **Spare Wiring:** 12 AWG (standard) + Battery/Solar specific gauge.
- **Connectors:** Butt connectors and ring terminals.

Safety, leveling, & recovery

- **Chock Blocks:** Heavy-duty (chock in both directions).
- **Leveling Blocks:** Plastic blocks or cut 2"x6" boards.
- **Bottle Jack:** 8–12 ton (depending on rig weight).
- **Jack Stands:** Rated for your GVWR.
- **Tire Pressure Gauge:** High-quality analog (up to 120+ PSI).
- **Shovel:** For moving dirt/mud if stuck while boondocking.
- **Spare Tires:** Verified for pressure and age.

Emergency & exterior

- **Flashlights:** High-lumen rechargeable + LED work light.
- **Tarps & Tie-downs:** Multiple sizes for roof/window leaks.
- **Water Pressure Regulator:** (Essential for every hookup).

Pro-Tip from the road:

"Don't just carry these tools—know where they are. In an emergency, you don't want to be digging through the 'Beast's' basement at 2:00 AM. Keep your Adhesives and Multimeter in an easy-access 'Go-Bag'."
