

Campground or RV Park Sustainability Tips

While camping in a tent or RV can be a lower-energy approach to travelling than staying in a hotel, new larger floor plan RV models and increased energy-based comforts within them make this mode of travel more energy consuming than ever before. As a campground owner or host, you can help preserve the environment of your site and increase the efficiency and sustainability of your operations by implementing some of the following suggestions.

Consider the following for central bathrooms and clubhouses:

- Tankless water heaters
- Motion sensors for lighting
- Energy-efficient light bulbs
- Non-toxic, biodegradable cleaning products
- Water-saving showerheads and/or faucets with automatic shutoff taps
- Energy-saving appliances
- Solar or wind power
- Low flush toilets or waterless urinals

Other considerations for around the park:

- Recycle bins for cans, paper, glass and plastic
- Eco-friendly and "Leave No Trace" tips and education for guests
- Landscaping that uses wood chip, pebbles, paved or grass paths to decrease soil erosion
- "Reduce Water Usage" signage for guests around the park
- One or more of the following: lighting, heaters and/or coolers with timers
- Grey water usage for landscape irrigation
- Email confirmations rather than paper to minimize paper waste
- Information for RV users regarding eco-friendly holding tank additives
- A program for frequent tree planting

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