

## RV Planning Worksheet

### 1. Will you be towing something with the RV? Yes No

If you plan to tow a boat, a car, a snowmobile, a 4WD vehicle, etc., towing a travel trailer or fifth-wheel won't be practical. On the other hand, if you want to take your quads, dirt bikes, sand rail, etc., with you, there's a whole genre of RV, called Toy Haulers, just for you.

### 2. Number of people using the RV?

Regular basis:  Adults  Children

Occasionally:  Adults  Children

If your children are very young, the answer to the "children" side of the question should be straightforward. If you have teens, however, the question arises regarding how often or, more importantly, how long will they be interested in RV trips? Try to be realistic and not allow "how you would like things to be" to overcome your knowledge of "how things are." If you have any doubts, put older kids under "occasionally."

### 3. Types of use planned?

- Weekend camping
- Vacation trips (two weeks or less)
- Tailgate parties (sports events, etc.)
- Day trips (beach, picnics, etc.)
- Extended travel (more than 2,000 miles or two weeks)
- Extended use, without travel
- Use as second car

Question 3 gets to the heart of the matter. Your answers here will dictate in large part the type and size of RV that will be appropriate for you. In most instances, several or even all of these categories may be checked off. If so, establish your priorities. What will be the RV's primary use? It may help you to number the selections above, putting the most important one first.

### 4. Types of camping planned?

- Remote (no facilities)
- Primitive (minimal facilities)
- RV parks (full facilities)

This question requires a bit of self-analysis as to just what kind of camping you really like and realistically will do. Clearly, remote camping is not for everyone. Would you be willing to simply drive down a little side road, find a wide spot and pull over for the night? More importantly, would you and/or your family be comfortable with that type of camping? Primitive campsites, such as those in national forests, are some of the prettiest available, but they generally have size restrictions and few or no hookups.

### 5. What are your hobbies, interests, sports?

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ B. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_

This question asks you to list your hobbies, with emphasis being on the storage space that each requires.

**6. Will you be using off-site parking?**

\_\_\_ In Yard \_\_\_ On Street (local regulations) \_\_\_ Storage Yard  
Monthly Rent: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parking space is easily overlooked when planning how a new RV will be used. If you haven't had any experience in this area with a previous unit, it might call for a bit of investigation into parking regulations where you live, such as dimensions of the space available for parking and cost.

**7. What is your affordable price range (monthly payment)? \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

This is a big one — the price range you can afford. Not all of us can simply draw out of savings the whole price of an RV and pay for it right up front. In fact, some of us don't even know the price range we can afford, but we do know how large a monthly payment we can handle. Today there are many online programs as well as apps for your phone to help you calculate your loan payment.