

Black and Gray Water Holding Tank Maintenance

Dump a full tank – When you are camping and your RV is connected to a sewer/septic intake, leave the drain valves closed until the tank is full and ready to dump. Dumping a full tank provides a sufficient quantity of water to flush solids from the tank. Leaving the drain valves open allows the water to drain off without flushing out solid waste. The solid waste will collect in the tank and cause problems over time.

Dump tanks in order from dirtiest to cleanest – Dump the black (commode) water tank first, then dump the galley tank, then dump the shower and bathroom sink tank. This way you will be flushing out the dirtiest water with progressively cleaner water.

Use water softener – The water softener makes the solid waste let go from the sides of the tanks. It can usually be found by the laundry detergent products at your local grocery store.

Use a water filter on your fresh water intake line – Most fresh water contains sediment which will accumulate in your waste water tanks and your fresh water lines. It tends to discolor your sinks, tub/shower, and commode.