

Winterising Your Static Caravan

- Disconnect the water at the stopcock and open the taps throughout the caravan.
- Drain any excess water via the draincock near the external cold water inlet.
- Also drain any water from the pipe between the mains feed and caravan connection. Reconnect the pipe to the stopcock and block the other end with tape or a rag to prevent pests crawling up the pipe.
- Remove shower mixer valve and shake out excess water in valve and shower hose.
- Put an environmentally friendly winteriser in the toilet bowl, cistern, drains and U-bends. We recommend <u>http://www.caraproducts.co.uk/shop.php</u>
- Plug the drains to prevent pests.
- Turn off the boiler.
- Turn off and disconnect any bottled gas, which can then be stored inside or, in the case of piped gas, turn the supply off at the mains.
- The electricity should be shut off at the mains.
- All air vents should be cleaned and clear.
- Remove any leaves or debris from the guttering.
- Leave the fridge door ajar. This will stop the air inside getting stale and possibly mildewy. Putting a folded tea towel over the top of the door will stop it shutting completely.
- Salt bowls or silica gel can be placed around the inside of the caravan to help absorb any moisture or alternatively moisture traps can be purchased from most DIY and hardware stores which are then filled with a special salt. However it is unlikely that these will continue to absorb moisture for the whole of the winter and may need replacing or emptying at some point.
- Before locking up for the last time, check again that you have left nothing valuable in or outside the caravan, and make sure that all cabinets, closets, and interior doors are open.
- Take one more walk around the caravan, checking each door and all windows, making sure they are all locked.
- Leave your current contact information with the site office in case they need you over the winter.

N.B. It is important to check your insurance policy on your static caravan to see if there are any terms and conditions contained within the policy which specifically relate to the closing down of your caravan during the winter months, for example, employing a professional to drain your water, switch off your gas or electricity supply.

Lake Coast and Dale Leisure do provide a full winterising drain down service please enquire via Email :- <u>sales@lakecoastanddale.co.uk</u> or Telephone :- 01524 727950