

Towing Checklist Before You Pull Out

If you tow a travel trailer, this is the section I'd treat like gospel.

Towing issues are one of those things that can go from “probably fine” to “very much not fine” in a hurry, and most of the problems are preventable if you slow down and do a proper walk-around before you leave.

Before you pull out, check:

Towing Check	What To Confirm Before You Leave
Hitch and coupler	• hitch is locked and secured • coupler is seated properly
Safety connections	• safety chains are crossed and attached • breakaway cable is connected correctly
Trailer support gear	• trailer jack is fully raised • stabilizers are up • wheel chocks are removed
Lights and signals	• trailer lights and brake lights are working • turn signals are working
Driver visibility and tires	• mirrors are adjusted • tires look properly inflated and in good condition • lug nuts are tight
Exterior secure check	• storage doors are latched • awning is fully secured • steps are in • antenna is down if applicable

Then do one more thing that people skip: **a slow final walk-around.**