<u>Winterize</u>

Green Haven offers plumbing winterize service. When we winterize, we remove all the water from your trailer's plumbing system and replace it with non-toxic anti-freeze.

We guarantee that there will be no plumbing problems due to frost.

Tips to Prepare your RV and/or park model for Winter at Green Haven

It is recommended that you do the following:

- □ Ensure that your windows and roof vents are securely closed.
- □ Remove all consumables that could possibly attract mice or other rodents and critters.
- □ Remove all perishables and anything that can freeze.
- □ Retract slide outs (Clean and dry the roof of slide before doing so)
- □ Drain and thoroughly flush all holding tanks.
- □ Turn off water at the post and close the valves on your propane tanks.
- □ Turn off the main electrical breaker inside your trailer. Please do not leave with your power on.
- Defrost the freezer compartment and clean out the refrigerator. Leave the refrigerator doors <u>propped</u> open.
- Tie down and secure anything that will not be stored in your shed or trailer.
 For example: BBQ, patio furniture. Keep in mind the harsh fall and winter winds that blow in off the lake.
- □ Inspect all roof seams, body seams and window sealant for cracks and openings, and re-seal as necessary.
- □ Inspect the underside of the unit thoroughly. Look for anywhere that mice or other rodents can get in, and seal as necessary. Many RVers recommend using dryer sheets like *Bounce* to deter pests. Contrary to popular belief, *Irish Spring* soap may actually attract mice rather than deter them.
- □ Clean out eaves troughs.
- □ Remove the RV battery and store at home in an area that won't freeze. Charge battery periodically as required.
- □ Close all of the window blinds to avoid sun exposure to the carpet, drapes and upholstery.
- □ If you have a retractable awning, make sure the fabric is clean and dry before storing.

Other suggestions:

- □ Only use mouse traps if you plan on checking the traps regularly throughout the off-season.
- □ Remove dry cell batteries in smoke alarms, gas detectors, clocks, flashlights and other items. Don't forget to replace them in the spring
- □ Check tire pressures. You may also want to cover the tires to prevent weather (and sun) damage.
- $\hfill\square$ Lubricate locks, hinges and other moving parts.

*Please note that depending on your unit, not all of these suggestions will be applicable.