RVATrailers.com Pickup Checklist

Part 1: All Trailers

- **Ball Size:** Ensure your hitch has a 2 5/16" ball properly installed and tightened.
- **Pre-existing Damage Check:** Inspect the trailer thoroughly. Take clear photos of any damage or issues and send them to us **BEFORE you leave.**
- **Tire Inspection:** Verify all tires are properly inflated and inspect for any flat spots, cuts, or damage.
- **Brake Controller Adjustment:** Confirm your tow vehicle's brake controller is correctly set for the trailer's unloaded and loaded weight. *Improper settings can cause brakes to lock, ineffective braking, or brake failure.*
- **Lighting & Electrical Connections:** Ensure all trailer lights (brake, turn signals, running lights) function correctly.
- **Coupler, Safety Chains & Pins:** Double-check that the coupler is securely latched and locked. Confirm safety chains and pins are properly attached and secure.
- **Doors, Ramps & Gates:** Ensure all doors, ramps, and gates (including the dump gate, if equipped) are fully closed and latched before transit.
- **Weight Distribution:** Load cargo evenly and securely to prevent shifting, tipping, sway, or poor towing dynamics.
- **Mirrors & Visibility:** Adjust your mirrors for clear sight lines around and behind the trailer.
- **Emergency Kit:** Have a roadside emergency kit, spare tire, jack, and tools ready for any maintenance needs.

Part 2: Equipment-Specific Items

- **Tow Straps & Tie-Downs (if provided or used):** Check all tow straps, chains, and tie-down equipment for wear, tears, or fraying. **DO NOT USE if compromised.**
- **Winch Cable Inspection (winch trailers only):** Inspect the winch cable thoroughly for any signs of damage, fraying, corrosion, or weakness. **DO NOT USE if compromised.**
- **Hydraulic Lift System (dump and deckover trailers only):** Test the hydraulic lift function briefly before loading. *Do not operate on a slope or uneven ground.*

Important

- This checklist is not exhaustive. Always comply with all applicable state and federal towing laws.
- Refer to your rental contract for additional safety, usage, and legal guidelines.