



Be ready for colder weather

Some of the mostly costly repairs to your holiday home can happen over the colder months, with pipes bursting causing water and hardware damage. First and foremost is the infamous “drain down”. This simply means removing all the water from your caravan’s pipes to prevent damage, should the temperatures outside fall below zero. This is good advice for the period between October and March.

It sounds straightforward but failing to drain down your caravan properly could result in significant, irreversible damage! It may also be a requirement of your insurance that you have a professional do this for you.

Here is how to get your holiday home prepared for colder weather:

- Shut off your water supply at the mains stopcock below your van or chalet
- Open all your drain down taps below your caravan. These are normally found below the kitchen, toilet and shower. If your central heating has the prerequisite levels of antifreeze, this does not need to be drained down. If you are unsure, contact a plumber to check this for you
- Turn on all the taps inside to remove any water. Thermostatic shower valves should be removed and any remaining water shaken out
- Flush the toilets to empty most of the water from the cistern and make sure any water remaining has been treated with antifreeze. Some people pack newspaper down the toilet to prevent any smells or unwelcome visitors. Close the toilet lid
- Pour a little antifreeze down each waste water pipe so any little pockets of water remaining will be treated

If you are unsure of any of the above, you should seek the expert help of a plumber, who will charge for this service.

Should you require some general advice, members of the Comrie Holiday Park team will be willing to advise.

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