

PRE-DEPARTURE

CHECKLIST

1.



Wash & Detail Thoroughly

Remove all contaminants. Bird droppings, bugs, sap, etc. as they etch paint if left unattended for months.

2.



Apply Paint Sealant or Wax

Quality sealant protects finish from humidity and prevents oxidation during extended Florida summers.

3.



Complete Interior Deep Clean

Remove all food, crumbs, and trash; even traces attract pests in Florida's warm climate.

4.



Condition All Leather Surfaces

Quality conditioner prevents cracking from humidity swings; Florida summers are brutal on leather interiors.

5.



Fill Gas Tank & Add Stabilizer

Full tank prevents condensation; stabilizer keeps fuel fresh and prevents gummy buildup for months.

6.



Change Engine Oil & Filter

Used oil contains contaminants that cause corrosion when sitting; fresh oil protects internal components.

7.



Check & Top All Fluids

Coolant, brake, power steering fluids prevent corrosion; check levels and condition before extended storage.

8.



Connect Battery Tender

Trickle charger prevents battery death; essential for maintaining charge over 3-6 month absence periods.

9.



Verify Climate Control Settings

Maintain 68-72°F and 45-55% humidity; improper levels damage leather, electronics, and finishes.

10.



Place Moisture Absorbers

Silica gel packets or DampRid prevent mildew, musty odors, and electronic corrosion from humidity.

11.



Install Quality Car Cover

Indoor cover prevents dust while allowing moisture escape; outdoor needs weatherproof UV protection qualities.

12.



Inflate Tires to Max PSI

Overinflate by 5-10 PSI to compensate for pressure loss during extended storage periods.

13.



No Parking Brake

Brake pads can fuse to rotors when engaged long-term; use wheel chocks instead.

14.



Photograph Before Leaving

Document mileage, body condition, interior; insurance and peace-of-mind reference for your return.

15.



Update Insurance Details

Inform insurer of storage; consider comprehensive-only coverage; leave emergency contact with facility.

16.



Remove Valuables & Personal Items

Clear glove box, console, trunk; don't leave registration documents, toll passes, or personal belongings.

The Peace of Mind Investment: Protect decades of collecting with storage designed specifically for Florida's challenges and snowbird lifestyles.