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## Going green in an RV

OKEMOS, Mich.— If there is one more reason why you should consider an RV, consider the green advantages to travelling and owning an RV.

Many new RVs are coming to showrooms leaner and greener than before, thanks to advances in manufacturing practices including improved aerodynamic designs, fuel efficiency and lighter composite materials—plus the use of eco-friendly sealants and recycled or renewable materials in interior construction.

In addition to the physical and technological advances in RVing green, many RVers practice energy conservation and eco-friendly practices that result in cleaner, more environmentally friendly vacations.

According to [gorving.com](http://gorving.com), more than two-thirds of RVers minimize water use on trips, almost half recycle more on RV vacations than on other types and nearly half turn off home utilities before they hit the road.

Proper parking of a unit can take advantage of Mother Nature's resources. The sun's blaze can be utilized instead of turning on lights and heat, opening a window on a cool day can replace air conditioning and cooking over a campfire or solar stove can reduce the need for turning on a conventional electrical stove. According to a study by PKF Consulting, a family of four taking an RV vacation generates less carbon dioxide than those travelling on a plane, renting a car and staying in a hotel.

Solar energy is one of the, all pun intended, hottest RV eco-equipment items on the market. An increasingly popular trend in conserving energy and cutting greenhouse gas emissions, 20 percent of RV owners utilize the power of the sun to charge the RV's batteries, and all the basic lighting and appliances. Installing solar panels to the roof of your RV could actually eliminate almost all need for using a generator, reducing noise as well as air pollution.

Ways to go green while RVing or camping include:

- Using non-toxic, natural cleaning supplies—for the vehicle *and* you.
- Recycling along the way by utilizing campground or local recycling areas.
- Using reusable plates, cups, utensils, cloth napkins and containers.
- Switching out traditional light bulbs for longer lasting, more efficient LED lights.
- Driving at or under the speed limit will save gasoline.
- Investing in solar power chargers for any mobile or electronic devices. Even better? Don't bring them.

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging growth in the recreation vehicle and private campground industries while contributing to the quality of Michigan tourism. For more information, visit MARVAC's website, [www.michiganrvandcampgroundso.org](http://www.michiganrvandcampgroundso.org) or call 517.349.8881.

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