Trailer Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Inspecting the Trailer**

☐ **The trailer should look square and straight.**

☐ **Doors hang and swing properly.**

☐ **All latches, hinges, and pins are snug and tight.**

☐ **Make sure there's no rust on seams.**

☐ **Check the floor with a knife for rot.**

☐ **Mats should be in good shape, with nothing to catch feet on.**

☐ **Chest and butt bars at the dividers and center boards should fit snugly.**

☐ **There should be no sharp edges inside.**

☐ **Make sure the tires have no cuts, bulges, worn treads or steel belts showing.**

☐ **Inflate tires to the pounds of pressure listed on the tire.**

☐ **Be sure brakes are working properly and adjusted for your loaded weight.**

☐ **Make sure the ball is properly sized for your trailer.**

☐ **Make sure the trailer sits level when hitched.**

☐ **Hook the safety chains - can you cross them to eliminate any droop that might catch on something?**

☐ **Plug in the electrical system and check running lights, brake lights and turn signals.**

☐ **Every Time You Go Out**

☐ **Check the hitch for cracks and the bolts for signs of wear.**

☐ **Make sure to anchor any tack firmly in place.**

☐ **Ensure there is no rust in the receiver.**

☐ **Make sure the ball is tight.**

☐ **Check the electrical system, brakes, running lights, directionals, tire pressure and chains.**

☐ **Check for hornet or wasp nests.**

☐ **Make sure doors are all securely fastened.**

☐ **Items to Have When Traveling**

☐ **Insurance card.**

☐ **Registrations for both vehicle and trailer.**

☐ **Current inspection where needed.**

☐ **Coggins for horses and health papers for all animals.**

☐ **Items Useful to Have in the Trailer**

☐ **Basic tool kit.**

☐ **Jack or portable hydraulic lift.**

☐ **Extra twine, double-ended snaps, knife (to cut the ropes), crowbar.**

☐ **Human and animal first aid kits.**

☐ **Longe whip, longe line, an extra cotton lead, a lead line with a chain and an extra halter, sheet or blanket for horses.**

☐ **Proper cables.**

☐ **Chocks for tires.**

☐ **Flares.**

☐ **Large container of fresh water for animals and/or coolant system breakdown.**

☐ **Towing chain.**

☐ **Muck bucket, broom, fork and/or shovel, rake.**

☐ **Fire extinguisher.**

☐ **Water and feed buckets, filled hay net for horses (safely hung and fastened so it doesn't swing).**