

# Town of Effingham

## Seasonal Recreational Vehicle Information Sheet

**Recreational Vehicles are not a permitted use in the Historic District or Province Lake District**

- 1 – RV use requires a Seasonal Use Permit, acquired by submitting the RV Seasonal Use Application to the ZEO.
- 2 – Recreation Vehicles may not be used as a permanent dwelling or residence. The applicant must show a place of residence on their Application Form.
- 3 – One (1) RV is allowed on a single lot for up to 150 consecutive days between April 1 and October 31. On the Application the applicant must specify the start and end dates they are requesting. Approved driveway access is required for the placement of an RV.
- 4 – Recreation Vehicles must be mobile, registered and meet all setback requirements for the district they are in.

Minimum Structure Setbacks From Property Line (feet)

	Rural Agricultural	Village District	Open Space Conservation Subdivision
Front	50	35	20
Side	30	25	20
Rear	50	50	20

- 5 – Recreation Vehicles must meet all State and Local codes regarding waste disposal. Documentation of the pumping and/or disposal of waste is required. Sewage disposal records must be available for inspection by the Town. No discharge is allowed on site without an installed, State of NH approved Septic System (IDES).

***Recreation Vehicle (RV)*** means any of the following:

- A. Travel Trailer – shall mean a vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation use. The allowable width is not more than eight and a half (8 ½) feet and having a body main frame area of no greater than 400 square feet. This does not include any trailer or vehicle for which a special permit is required for transportation along any roadway, in accordance with RSA 266:24.
- B. Tent/Camper – shall mean a vehicular portable structure that folds open as a temporary dwelling intended for travel, recreation, and vacation use.
- C. Pick-up Camper – shall mean a structure mounted or to be mounted on a truck type chassis designed as a temporary dwelling intended for travel, recreation, and vacation use.
- D. Motor home/Van/Coach/Converted Bus – shall mean a vehicle with its own chassis designed as a temporary dwelling to be used for travel, recreation, and vacation use.
- E. Park Model RV or (PMRV) – shall mean built on a single chassis, mounted on wheels designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation use. Must be manufacturer-certified to comply with ANSI A119.5 standards for recreational park trailers and may have a width up to 12 feet in travel mode.

**Section 1402 RV Seasonal Use Permit** [Amended 2013, 2015, 2020, replaced 2022]

- A. No Recreational Vehicle (“RV”) may be used as a permanent dwelling or residence in Effingham.
- B. To use an RV for the purposes set forth in this section, a landowner must first obtain an RV Seasonal Use Permit for the RV from the Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- C. A landowner may place one RV for non-commercial recreation purposes on his or her property for up to 150 consecutive days between April 1 and October 31. The RV must be either removed, or closed up and not in use as per Section 1401 for the other five months. Furthermore, all RV septic shall be decommissioned and winterized from November 1 until March 31.
- D. All RVs must be mobile and be legally registered. RVs must meet the setbacks for principal structures for the zoning district in which they are located. Lack or expiration of registration will void the RV Seasonal Use Permit. Any RV lacking valid registration must meet the Town of Effingham Zoning Ordinance for a structure.
- E. An RV must have adequate sanitary facilities. Applicant must demonstrate how solid waste and sewerage will be disposed of in a lawful manner per New Hampshire law and the Effingham Health Ordinance. Any unlawful disposal of solid waste or sewerage will void this permit. Further, upon expiration of a permit under this section, an RV must comply with all aspects of section 1401 of this Article.