

PRE-TRIP INSPECTION SHEET FOR TRAILER OPERATIONS

Before Hitching.

- Check hitch ball for proper size for the trailer.
- Check the drawbar, pin and hitch ball.
- Undercarriage visual inspection of hitch and wiring

Tow Vehicle.

- Check tires for proper air pressure and sufficient tread.
- Check for leaks and other signs of potential mechanical failure.
- Check mirrors for cleanliness and proper adjustment.
- Check windshield wipers for excessive wear.

Trailer.

- Visually inspect for loose components and/or for the proper securing of equipment.trailer.
- Inspect interior for sharp or loose objects, floor, sides, gates and doors and their latches.
- Check tires for proper air pressure and sufficient tread.
- Look for loose wiring, with particular focus on electric brakes, tail lamps and stop/turn signals.
- Make sure you have an appropriate jack and proper lug wrench for the trailer.

After Hitching Up.

- Check to see that the appropriate drawbar has been used so that the combination is level.
- Verify hitch is properly attached to the drawbar ball and that it is properly locked.
- Inspect the safety chains and verify that they are properly crossed and attached.
- Inspect the break-away "rip cord" and verify that it will engage properly.
- Inspect the drawbar hitch pin and make sure that it is properly locked.
- Inspect the trailer electrical plug and make sure that it is locked properly into the receptacle.

Starting the Tow Vehicle.

- Check the trailer brake controller for a "connected" indication. (May not apply to older controllers.)
- Check the fuel gauge to make sure you aren't rolling out on an empty tank.
- Pull forward slowly, manually actuate the brake controller and feel for the brakes to apply.
- Turn on the vehicle's headlamps and 4-way emergency flashers. Do a walk-around to verify that all lamps on the tow vehicle and trailer are operating properly.
- Double check that all gates and doors are secured and that the trailer hitch is still properly latched.
- When starting out, apply the service brakes a couple of times on hard pavement and adjust the brake controller as necessary to provide the appropriate amount of "drag" from the trailer brakes.

ALWAYS REMEMBER!

Your objective is for animals to be relocated safely.

Your priority is for operations to be conducted safely.