

# Tips on When You Can Live in an RV in Unincorporated Clatsop County

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Property owners, family or guests may temporarily occupy structures on their land including campers, trailers, motor homes, boats and other recreational vehicles for up to 30 days out of any 90-day period. No permit application is needed for this type of RV use.

An exemption to the time limit is available if there is a health hardship. An RV may be occupied by the existing resident or a relative of the resident. If the applicant is a relative, they must submit certification from a physician stating that it is necessary for them to reside on the same premises as the resident to receive necessary care.

Three steps must be taken if an RV will be used for a health hardship:

1. The RV must be placed on the same parcel as the existing dwelling for the length of the hardship.
2. The temporary dwelling must be hooked to the existing septic system and water supply on the property.
3. A [development permit application](#) must be submitted to the comdev [at] clatsopcounty.gov (community development department).

An approved permit is effective for one year. Temporary health hardship permits must be renewed by January 31 of each year if the hardship still exists. When the health hardship is resolved, the RV must be removed. The health hardship must meet all other requirements and applicable standards in the zone.

Questions? Please [email](#) or call Nancy Mendoza at 503-325-8611.