

CREATING A FUNCTIONAL WORKSPACE IN YOUR RV

For self-employed individuals or business owners embracing full-time RV living, establishing a suitable workspace becomes essential. Consider your work requirements and what you genuinely need for a productive workspace.



RVING AND WORKSPACES



RVing involves traveling in recreational vehicles, including various types such as travel trailers, fifth wheels, motorhomes, toy haulers, and camper vans. Some RVers use their vehicles as second homes for extended stays, while others transition to full-time living and working in their RVs.

HOME OFFICE ESSENTIALS

If you previously worked from a stationary home, your home office likely served as a primary workspace. Now, in your RV, creating a comfortable and functional workspace is crucial. Consider setting up a designated area to focus on work tasks, especially if you have family members sharing the space.



CONSIDERING SPACE IN YOUR RV



RV living requires multi-functional spaces. Assess if you can justify dedicating a specific area exclusively to your business needs.

Some RV models offer built-in workspaces, such as the Airstream Flying Cloud 30 FB Office or in a toy hauler's garage.

HOME OFFICE TAX DEDUCTION

When deciding on a dedicated workspace, evaluate the potential tax benefits of claiming a home office deduction. Exclusively using part of your RV for business purposes can lead to tax savings, but remember that personal use of the space negatively impacts eligibility for deductions.

Review the following chart to see if the potential tax savings is worth exclusively using space inside your RV for your business.

Total deduction by tax rate	Airstream 30FB Office	toy hauler garage 8 by 8	toy hauler garage 8 by 10	toy hauler garage 8 by 13
10%	\$8	\$32	\$40	\$52
12%	\$10	\$38	\$48	\$62
22%	\$18	\$70	\$88	\$114
24%	\$20	\$77	\$96	\$125
32%	\$27	\$102	\$128	\$166
35%	\$29	\$112	\$140	\$182
37%	\$31	\$118	\$148	\$192

In the chart above, the largest reduction in your annual tax bill is a \$192. Is \$192 worth never using your 8 foot by 13 foot toy hauler garage for any personal purpose? It means you won't be using the garage to store your golf cart. It also means no one will sleep in the beds that drop from the ceiling. And it means you cannot install your washer and dryer in your garage.



OUTFITTING YOUR RV WORKSPACE

While traditional office setups may not be feasible in an RV, consider essential elements like a comfortable chair, adequate lighting, a suitable surface for your laptop, and organizational tools like storage baskets or cabinets. Portable desks and laptop stands offer flexibility for varying work environments.

CONCLUSION

Working from your RV presents unique challenges but with thoughtful planning and the right setup, it can be a rewarding experience. Explore different options to create a functional and comfortable workspace that suits your remote work needs while on the road.