Pre-Trip Inspection Checklist

Item Truck	Check (Yes)	Check (No)	Notes
Tires: Check pressure (including spare), tread depth, and look for cracks or bulges			
Brakes: Test pedal feel and listen for unusual noises			
Fluids: Check oil, coolant, transmission, brake, and windshield washer levels			
Lights: Confirm all headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and reverse lights work			
Mirrors: Adjust for full visibility around the trailer			
Hitch: Inspect gooseneck ball for wear, rust, or looseness			
Trailer Brake Controller: Test function and adjust gain as needed			
Fuel: Fill up before departure, especially in remote areas			

Item Trailer	Check (Yes)	Check (No)	Notes
Tires: Check pressure, tread, and condition (including spare)			
Lug Nuts: Ensure all are tight and torqued properly			
Brakes: Test electric brakes and emergency breakaway system			
Lights: Confirm all running lights, brake lights, and turn signals work			
Hitch Connection: Gooseneck ball locked and latched			
Hitch Connection: Safety chains crossed and secured			
Hitch Connection: Breakaway cable attached to truck frame			
Hitch Connection: Jack fully raised and locked			
Doors & Latches: Secure all doors, ramps, and windows			
Interior (Horses): Check mats, dividers, and ventilation			
Interior (Toys): Secure tie-downs, ramps, and gear			
Battery (if equipped): Check charge level and connections			
Water & Propane (if applicable): Fill tanks and check for leaks			

Item Cargo	Check (Yes)	Check (No)	Notes
Load Distribution: Ensure even weight distribution over axles			
Tie-Downs: Use appropriate straps or chains for toys; check horse ties			
Emergency Kit: First aid kit			
Emergency Kit: Fire extinguisher			
Emergency Kit: Roadside triangles/flares			
Emergency Kit: Flashlight			
Emergency Kit: Spare fuses			
Registration & Insurance: Carry current documents for truck and trailer			
Vet papers if needed			
Weather Check: Review forecast for route and destination			