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Maverick departure checklist

A deliberate check before every flat-tow trip.

Use the current Ford instructions for the exact truck and each equipment manual. This organizer does not certify eligibility, fitment or mechanical condition. Complete the required setup before moving.

- [ ] Confirm the exact truck is eligible and review its Ford recreational-towing instructions.
- [ ] Inspect the baseplate, bar, pins, clips and safety cables; check any applicable recall.
- [ ] Confirm the loaded combination is within the coach, hitch, bar, adapter and cable limits.
- [ ] Connect the bar and verify both arms lock according to its manual.
- [ ] Attach safety cables and breakaway at the specified points, with clearance for turns.
- [ ] Connect the electrical cord; keep it clear of the road, heat and moving parts.
- [ ] Confirm the Ford Neutral Tow message, ignition state and parking-brake release.
- [ ] Set up the supplemental brake and verify its driver monitor and breakaway system as instructed.
- [ ] Test running, left/right turn and brake lights in the actual towing configuration.
- [ ] Verify the 12V support is working and the battery is healthy.
- [ ] Walk around for loose hardware, trapped cables, accessories, tire issues and clearance.
- [ ] Plan Ford's required stops and the correct brake reset; disconnect before backing.

At fuel and rest stops
Check connections, tires, the cord and visible hardware. Stop safely and investigate unusual heat, dragging, poor braking, monitor warnings or a changed Neutral Tow state before continuing. Follow Ford's required stop routine and the brake maker's reset instructions. Disconnect before backing.

2022 Ford manual | 2023 Ford manual | 2024 Ford manual | 2025 Ford manual | 2026 Ford manual

Complete guide and equipment references: stellarautoandmobility.com/maverick-flat-tow-redesign