Van essentials



A less-is-more checklist for everyday vanlife.
Start with the basics and add only what you miss.

Tap to tick and save. Print if you prefer.

Use what you already own

Try your setup for a weekend before buying more gear.
Notice what you reach for, what stays untouched and what you genuinely miss.

01 Pack the basics



Start with what you use on a normal day.

- [ ] Bedding that suits the weather
- [ ] Drinking water and a refillable bottle
- [ ] A simple cooking setup that suits you
- [ ] One set of dishes and cutlery per person
- [ ] A few layers and everyday clothes
- [ ] A cloth and basic cleaning supplies
- [ ] Phone charger and a light
- [ ] Fan that suits your power setup
- [ ] Bathroom, laundry and emergency kits

02 Make space



Use this to decide what stays.

- [ ] Group similar items and spot duplicates
- [ ] Keep the one you actually reach for
- [ ] Choose items with more than one use
- [ ] Put everyday items within easy reach
- [ ] Reuse bags or tubs you already own
- [ ] Set aside bulky items you rarely use
- [ ] Sell, donate or recycle what you can
- [ ] Secure loose gear before driving

Make one item do more

Use one bowl for prep and serving. Pots and pans with removable handles can stack neatly.
Try what you own before buying a new set. Skip bulky appliances you rarely use.
I thought I'd need a toaster and kettle. I don't carry either now: they used too much power.

MY VAN RESET

One thing to leave behind

One thing to try before buying

Make room without cutting essentials

Keep water, first aid and emergency gear. Keep exits and the path to the driver's seat clear.