

LTNT RV Budget Tracker Quick Start

This guide goes with the Excel workbook download. The tracker is set up with monthly spending columns, budget totals, Extras, recurring RV costs, memberships, subscriptions, charts, and a hidden support sheet for dropdowns and chart data.

1. Save Your Copy

Open **ltnt-rv-budget-tracker.xlsx** in Excel, Apple Numbers, LibreOffice, or Google Sheets. Save the file to your device before entering your information. This copy is yours, so no Google account or share-access request is needed.

2. Use The Main 2026 Sheet

Area	What to edit
JAN-DEC columns	Enter what you actually spent each month for lodging, fuel, groceries, repairs, laundry, propane, restaurants, and other categories.
Monthly Budget	Adjust the planned monthly amount for each category.
Extras table	Pick a month from the dropdown, add a description, and enter the amount. The monthly totals roll up automatically.
Other	Track recurring RV-specific costs like insurance, registration, and similar expenses.
Memberships	Track annual and monthly subscriptions, memberships, apps, and passes.

3. What The Formulas Do

The tracker totals each category across the year, compares it to your budget, and calculates an **Actual Monthly Average**. That average ignores unused months by counting only months where the monthly total row has activity.

The Extras row uses the month dropdown list to add one-off costs into the correct month. The hidden **System** sheet supports the month list and chart data. Leave it hidden unless you are intentionally changing the workbook structure.

4. App Notes

Excel is the best experience and preserves the charts/dropdowns most reliably. **Numbers** and **LibreOffice** should open the workbook, but chart formatting may look a little different. **Google Sheets** can import the file if someone prefers Sheets.

Tip: do not edit formulas unless you are comfortable repairing spreadsheets. The safe places to edit are the monthly spending cells, Monthly Budget amounts, Extras entries, Other recurring expenses, and Memberships rows.