

Electricity and Sewers in Mexico

1. What to expect with electricity in Mexico
 - a) how to test
2. How the sewers are different from US sewers
 - a) no paper

b) make sure you dump before entering Mexico If using paper in sewer

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E. Electricity Mexican style – It may not be grounded, you may find reversed polarity, it can range from below 100 volts to over 120 volts. Bring a voltmeter and surge protector and a three wire circuit analyzer to check your plug before you plug your RV in. The wagonmaster and 2nd vice president tested all the plugins during the planning trip to KINO and gave repair recommendations to the management. But we are not sure and cannot guarantee that the repairs to outlets, especially grounding problems will have been corrected by the time we get to Kino.

Even some of the outlets we tested as good during the planning trip may have developed mechanical problems that we encounter once we arrive.

Plan to run your refrigerator and hot water heater on propane.

We suspect that most sites at Kino BayRV Park in February will only have a 20amp outlet and a 50amp RV outlet

2010 (because management is planning on an electric upgrade in the park).

The caution unique to KinoBay RV Park will be that at each site there will be either a 20amp (120volt) outlet and a

30amp RV outlet OR a 20amp (120volt) outlet and a 50 amp RV outlet. So if your rig for example has only a 50

amp cord and plug, you might need a downsize adaptor that lets you downsize from 50amp plug in to a 30 amp

plug in. And conversely if you have only a 30amp cord on your RV you might need an adaptor that lets you up size

from a 30 amp plug in to a 50 amp plug in.

The 50amp plugs at KinoBay RV Park are “fake 50amps”. They have a 50 amp breaker, a 50amp plug, but both

hot legs are connected to the same breaker instead of a two pole breaker (like in the US). Thus you will not have

the full capacity of a 50 amp US circuit, but in most cases it will be adequate for most RV coaches.

The parking crew will try to accommodate anyone who only has a 30amp RV cord into a site that has a 30amp RV

plug and additionally will try to accommodate anyone who only has a 50 amp RV cord into a site that has a 50amp

RV plug. But the parking crew makes no guarantees that everyone will get what they want. So everyone needs to

come prepared with appropriate adaptors in order to up-size or down-size your plug situations.