

If you won't be riding for an extended period, such as during the winter, thoroughly inspect your Honda and correct any problem before storing it. That way, needed repairs won't be forgotten and it will be easier to get your CRF running again.

To reduce or prevent deterioration that can occur during storage, also follow the following procedures.

Preparation for Storage

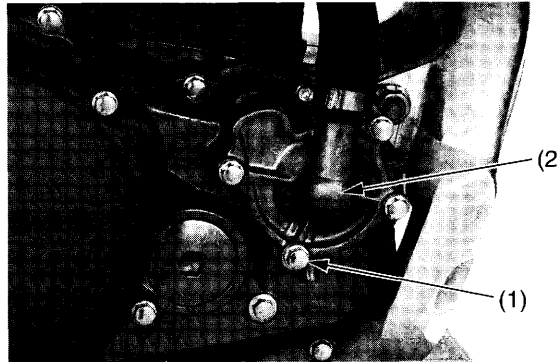
1. Completely clean all parts of your CRF. If your CRF has been exposed to sea air or salt water, wash it down with fresh water and wipe dry.
2. Change the engine oil and filter (page 44).
3. Change the transmission oil (page 47).
4. Drain the fuel tank and carburetor into an approved gasoline container.
Turn the fuel valve OFF and loosen the carburetor drain screw. Drain gasoline into an approved container. Tighten the carburetor drain screw to the specified torque:
1.1 lbf-ft (1.5 N-m, 0.2 kgf-m)

⚠ WARNING

Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive. You can be burned or seriously injured when handling fuel.

- Stop the engine and keep heat, sparks and flame away.
- Handle fuel only outdoors.
- Wipe up spills immediately.

5. Remove the radiator cap and coolant drain bolt (1) at the water pump (2) to drain coolant. After the coolant has been completely drained, reinstall the coolant drain bolt with a new sealing washer and radiator cap.
Coolant drain bolt:
7 lbf-ft (10 N-m, 1.0 kgf-m)



(1) coolant drain bolt (2) water pump

6. Disconnect the siphon tube from the radiator. Drain the reserve tank coolant. Empty the coolant and rinse the inside of the reserve tank with water.
7. Lubricate the drive chain.
8. Remove the battery and charge it fully. Store in an area protected from freezing temperatures and direct sunlight. Slow charge the battery (page 100) once a month.

9. Inflate the tires to their recommended pressures.
10. Place your CRF on the optional Honda workstand or equivalent to raise both tires off the ground.
11. Stuff a rag into the muffler outlet. Then tie a plastic bag over the end of the muffler to prevent moisture from entering.
12. Store your CRF in an unheated area, free of dampness, away from sunlight, with a minimum of daily temperature variation.
13. Cover your CRF with a porous material. Avoid using plastic or similar non-breathing, coated materials that restrict air flow and allow heat and moisture to accumulate.