Trailer Lights: Trailer lights must be connected and operating before the trailer will be allowed to leave the Outdoor Recreation Program. Our trailers use a Standard Flat 4-Pole Wire Harness. Please make sure that you have the correct wiring harness or adaptor and that it is set up correctly before coming in to pick up your watercraft trailer.

Your wire harness should be connected to your vehicle in the following way:
- White = Ground
- Brown = Tail lights, running lights, and clearance lights
- Green = Right turn signal and brake light
- Yellow = Left turn signal and brake light

Trailer Hitches and Balls: You will need the correct size trailer ball 2” when picking up your trailer. We recommend the use of step-bumper hitches, frame bolted hitches or frame welded hitches on the towing vehicle.

Remember: The Outdoor Recreation Program does not sell or install wiring harnesses, and the trailer harness is not to be changed. You are responsible for familiarizing yourself with pulling a trailer and the extra precautions that it entails (i.e. Driving in high winds, extra braking time, trailer backing, etc.). Do not make any alterations to the trailer. You as the renter are responsible for any trailer damages and for returning the trailer and watercraft to the Outdoor Recreation Program clean, or you may be charged for damages and cleaning fees. Iowa State University, The State of Iowa, Outdoor Recreation Program and the Department of Recreation Services do not provide insurance.