

TENT CARE



What Type Of Tents Do You Use?

Many Types Of Tents Are Used By Guide Units, But All Tents Have Some Basic Rules For Their Use And Storage.

Do You Know The Following Rules? Use Them When Your Unit Goes To Camp Next

POLES, GUYS AND PEGS

When assembling the poles for your tent ensure that all the sections are pushed into the joiners as far as possible.

All tents need to be guy roped to reduce tent damage from winds. Use all guy rope attachment points provided.

Always hammer in pegs on a 45 degree angle. This ensures your guys are secure and the pegs will not pull out easily in the wind. Always stand with your back to the tent as you hammer.

NEVER pull the tent pegs from the ground by pulling on the tent material or guys. **YOU WILL TEAR YOUR TENT OR BREAK OR WEAKEN THE GUY.** Use another tent peg to lift the peg out of the ground.

Place your pegs in a stack to dry and brush off any loose dirt before packing them away, this stops any moisture which may be on the pegs from rotting your tent.

ALWAYS pack your pegs with the hooked end down into the bag, this way you are less likely to tear the peg bag.

Beach Camping; The steel tent pegs supplied with most tents are suitable only for camping on a firm surface. For camping on a soft surface such as sand or soft soil it is recommended you use sand pegs.



CONDENSATION

When you sleep your body emits a great deal of heat and moisture. This can penetrate the breathable inner walls of your tent and condense on the underside of the waterproof fly. This is normal and should not be considered a defect. To reduce condensation it is important to provide maximum ventilation. Again, ensure that the fly is pegged and guy roped out to its fullest extent. This will maximise the amount of air movement between the tent layers and reduce condensation.

You should air your tent during the day to help reduce condensation and to keep the tent cool.

LEAKAGE

All tents can leak through stitching holes and no tent can be guaranteed 100% waterproof. To reduce the chance of leaks, avoid prolonged contact of any object against your tent, as this may break down the waterproofing. Never overstretch your tent, as too much tension may cause the seams to open and tear.

Avoid using aerosol sprays inside your tent as they affect the waterproofing capabilities of the fabrics.

CANVAS TENTS

When using canvas tents you should always tie up any openings (doors and windows) before taking down your tent this will make it easier to erect next time as the tent seams will sit straighter. This is particularly important with Bell Tents.

STORAGE

When packing your tent, ensure it is totally clean and dry before storing and always store your tent in a cool, dry, and well ventilated location. Dirt and moisture can allow mildew to grow which can permanently damage your tent. Pay particular attention to seams and binding as these areas take longer to dry.