

TENT USER GUIDE

Venting your tent and condensation

It is important for your comfort that you allow your tent to ventilate properly. Condensation is caused mainly by people breathing in the tent, by the use of gas burners and wet clothing drying. The condensation will show up mainly when it is raining and cold outside the tent. In these conditions most people close every opening in their tent and condensation forms quickly, dripping from the roof, running down the walls and forming puddles on the floor. Your tent has vents which can remain open even when it is raining and still not let in any rain. It is important you leave these vents open while there are people in the tent in order to prevent condensation.

Practice setting up your tent before you go camping

The best place to put up your tent for the first time is not as its getting dark with everyone watching you. Read the pitching instructions before you start. Practice putting up your tent a couple of times before you go camping. Most breakages and tears that happen to tents occur on the first few times they are put up because the tent has been put up improperly.

Pitch your tent on even ground

Try to find a flat area to pitch your tent. Uneven ground will stop the tent sitting properly which may cause it to tear when you stand in it. Find an area free from stones etc. which may puncture the ground sheet.

Guy out your tent properly

Guy lines stabilise tents in high winds and help prevent damage to your tent. Just because there is no wind when you put up your tent doesn't mean it won't be windy latter.

Take down your tent with care

When taking down your tent make sure you follow the instructions. Don't allow the tent to collapse putting all the pressure on one pole as it might damage the tent or pole. Take the tent down in an even manner reversing the procedure for putting up the tent.

Don't pack your tent away when wet

If your tent has to be packed away wet make sure you dry it out as soon as you get home. If the tent is packed away wet and left then mildew will form and the tent will degrade quickly. Once mildew gets into a tent it is very difficult to get rid of.

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