

## How to Store a Drysuit



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Hello. I'm Bob Holtzman with Mythic Gear. Today we're going to learn how to store your drysuit.

A drysuit is a valuable piece of safety equipment that can help prevent hypothermia when you're canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, rafting, or sailing in cold weather. It also makes it comfortable to go boating in colder conditions, so you can extend your paddling season. But it's a pretty specialized piece of gear and you have to treat it right if it's going to give you good service over the years.

When we store a drysuit, we're most concerned with protecting the rubber gaskets. Most gaskets are made from natural latex, and they degrade with exposure to sunlight, ozone, and excessive heat. We can't stop that process completely, but we can slow it down so that your gaskets last longer.

Never put a drysuit into storage without first making sure it's clean and totally dry. For cleaning instructions, visit the Mythic Gear website at [mythicdrysuits.com](http://mythicdrysuits.com).

Dust the gaskets with talcum powder. This will help prevent them from getting sticky, especially if they're exposed to heat.

Treat the zipper with a zipper lubricant. You can get these online. I use paraffin, which is a lot cheaper. You'll find it with the canning supplies in most supermarkets and hardware stores.

Use a nice, wide coat hanger for the upper part of the drysuit. Don't use a bare wire hanger.

Most drysuits are so long that the feet would drag on the floor on your closet. Use another hanger to lift the feet off the ground.

If you're going to be using the suit again soon, just hang it in a closet and close the door to protect it from sunlight. If you're putting it away for several weeks or months, take a big black trash bag, pull it up from the bottom, and twist-tie it around the hangers. That will help prevent ozone degradation.

Here are a few more tips:

#### **DON'T STORE YOUR DRYsuit:**

- in a concrete room (e.g., most unfinished basements)
- in a room that gets very hot (like an uninsulated attic)
- in a room with machinery or lamps that produce ozone
- where it's exposed to sunlight
- when it's dirty or wet

Take care of your drysuit when you store it, and it'll take care of you on the water. If you have any questions, please get in touch. Thanks for watching.