

HOW TO TREAT MOULD

We are not endorsing any particular product right now, as there are many on the market. The first remedy we suggest to people is:

1) prevention! 2) clove oil spray (if you only have a small amount, say a few spots appearing) clove oil and water as it's a great mould deterrent.

Clove oil is an amazing natural product which mould hates. Mix 1 part clove oil to 6 parts water and spray on the area.

TO AVOID AND PREVENT MOULD

(Particularly for tents up for long periods of time or over winter /spring)

Avoid pitching your tent in shady spots. Sun is your best defence against mould.

Air it out every day or two! This is so important. We have had customers have their tents up an **entire year** with no reports of mould, reason being, these people use their tents daily and they are aired out for several hours a day

Never go away on vacation and leave it up: unless you have adequate airflow and someone to air it out everyday.

Our tents are 40% cotton, which is much higher than most canvas tents on the market. This means the tents are much healthier and better for you but being a natural fabric it may need a little more maintenance.

Get a Lotus Belle stove or run a dehumidifier in your tent if you are in a high humidity area. Take it down for monsoon period. We all know things go mouldy in monsoon.

Hose it down every few weeks. Just like a car, which doesn't get clean, the paint will oxidise and then turn to rust. So hose your tent down to help prevent mould!

Good natural remedy: Spray with a clove oil and water solution every month as a preventative in colder months or if it's damp or humid where you live.

Prevention is the key.

If Your Tent Goes Mouldy

When you first spot any mould, treat it immediately. The longer you leave the issue, the worse it will get and the harder it is to treat.

Treating mould is a 2 part process treating the mould and then reproofing the fabric: 1) killing the mould with a mould killer specially formulated for canvas tents (we do not recommend any one brand as there are so many) Go to a tent repair place as they have stock and you can also buy products online. If in doubt call the manufacturer of the product. Say it's a 60/40 poly-cotton canvas. 2) you need to re-proof your tent to maintain the waterproofing after its been treated with a canvas tent re-proofer. These can be purchased online, if you have any questions email us as we may have had other customers use the product and can give feedback

Buy a decent weed sprayer to treat it. We like the nylex ones with the attachment.



A soft nylon brush or broom is ideal for cleaning before treatment with a very mild eco friendly detergent. Hose down with plenty of water.

For established mould or if your tent was packed away damp or it got wet while packed and has grown mould, put it up as soon as possible in the sun, and hose it off with some good water pressure to remove any chunks or fuzz.

Only use products from camping/tent shops that are safe on canvas.

You may well be left with some black marks/staining. Unfortunately, it is tough to get these out without resorting to bleach or products that can and can harm the canvas. UV light will fade these marks over time. Keeping your tent up in the sun and weather will help fade this staining, but it may take weeks or months before you see results. **This is why it's so important to catch mould early!**

DO NOT use 30 seconds, exit mould or any harsh chemical or bleach based mould killer. It may do a cosmetic job of getting the marks but it rots the fabric...even worse it does not kill the spores and will make reproofing your tent much more difficult!

Here are some products we have used in the past:

<https://www.tentworld.com.au/buy-sale/primus-mould-rid-4l>

<http://curtainmagic.co.nz>

<http://www.spikandspan.co.nz>

Anything with 'Benzalkonium chloride and Sodium hypochlorite' is probably a good start, but ALWAYS test the area first and ask suppliers advice before using