

DENVER TENT

CARING FOR YOUR COLORADO TENT

WATERPROOFING:

We **DO NOT** recommend that you waterproof your tent. The reason we use canvas for our tents is because it “breathes”. The application of waterproofing will prevent your tent from having this ability. If waterproofing products are applied, it will seal the tent up like paint. If your tent no longer ‘breathes’, you will have a problem with condensation, especially if you are using a stove.

FIRST TIME IN RAIN/MOISTURE:

The seams of a new tent often will leak the first time they are subject to moisture. It will take a few exposures/soakings to shrink the needle holes tightly against the thread. To minimize this possible leakage, we advise that customers set up new tents and soak the seams with a hose several times, allowing the tent to dry thoroughly between soakings. If this procedure is not practical for your situation, we then suggest that you arrange your tent so nothing sits under the seam that may be a problem if gets wet. An initial soaking is especially important for tents made of 12.41-oz and 14.90-oz untreated canvas. It is not so necessary if the tent is made of our 10.10-oz or 12.63-oz treated Army Duck Canvas.

If your tent leaks at a few spots along the seam, you may rub wax or a bar of Ivory soap to fill the stitch holes. If you apply waterproofing, do so only in the places where it leaks and do not cover the entire tent. When an old tent starts leaking in the middle of the fabric, far from the seams, it is time to buy a new tent.

The Sunforger finish used on the Army Duck fabrics is applied at the factory when the fabric is woven. This type of water repellency allow fabric to breathe and is far superior to anything that you could apply on your tent yourself.

STORING:

NEVER store your tent when it is wet or damp. A tent that is stored when still damp, will mildew. This is especially true with untreated canvas.

MILDEW/MOLD:

Once molds and mildews appear they can be killed but the stain created is difficult to remove. We recommend using a mold and mildew cleaner once mold appears. We sell a product that is biodegradable, gentle to skin and has no harmful vapors. This will kill the mold and inhibit any spreading, but will not clean the area affected. If you have extensive damage please call us for additional options.

SET UP FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME:

We design our tents to withstand reasonable wind and weather, but left unattended in severe out-of-doors weather, disaster is inevitable. Larger tents are more susceptible. In the severe winds, the rope tighteners may loosen, allowing the tent to flap and eventually fail.

Here is to many years of enjoyment with your Colorado Tent!

Concerns or questions? We are always here for our customers:
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