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Erecting the Garden Tipi



A big big thank you!

Thank you so much for choosing a DAS Outdoors shelter.

Are you ready for more outdoor adventures?

This document will help guide you through setting up your large shelter the first few times.

After that, you'll be an expert.

Tools you will need:

1. Friends, ideally 2 or 3
2. 1-2 peg hammers
3. Plumb line weight, eg a small pair of scissors

When you receive your Garden Tipi shelter, Pole and Peg system you will have the following items:

1. Drawcord nylon bag containing the Tipi with integral pole socket with Plumb line cord
2. Canvas pole bag containing pole sections.
3. Canvas peg bag containing:
 - a. 16 x heavy duty 150mm mild steel pegs
 - b. 1 x Pole base plate
 - c. 2 x base plate pegs

Site requirements: Ridgeline

1. Your site MUST have trees sufficiently strong and high enough to support a ridgeline and pegged down the shelter.
2. Ridgeline height should be approx 15-20 ft off the ground.
3. Distance between trees should be a minimum of 30-35 ft apart.
4. The circular footprint of the shelter fully pegged out will range between 20- 25t ft diameter.
5. Take a look at this video for tips on [How to set-up a ridgeline](#).

Site requirements: Pole

1. Simply choose a suitably flat site capable of fitting the pegged out Tipi diameter of approx 20-25ft

When you are on-site and ready to erect the shelter

To accommodate a pole the Garden Tipi comes fitted with a built-in central pole socket with a white nylon PLUMB LINE connected.

Remove the Tipi shelter from its bag. Lay in on the ground with the pole socket on the underside.

The purpose of the plumb line is to indicate the Absolute Vertical Position to set the Pole.

1. Uncoil the plumb line and attach a small weight about 8ft from the socket. As the pole is erected the correct vertical position to set the pole will be indicated by this line.
2. Place the pole top section into the pole socket and have a team member assemble the pole with the shelter suspended about him/her.
3. With the pole being held upright, have 2 team members start to peg out the Tipi in opposite directions.
 - a. Start by loosely pegging out the doorway.
 - b. Undo the coiled guy lines and start placing pegs(loosely guyed) at EACH CORNER only.
 - c. Leaving the 2 mid guylines of each shelter panel until last.

TIP. When guying out the shelter, try to have the guy lines tightened to the ground at the same angle that the Tipi forms when fully erected.

You are unlikely to get an ideal shape first time without some fine-tuning with the pegs.

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4. When you are happy with the shape and the first set of pegs now you can peg out the 2 remaining guy lines from the middle of each panel which are attached to 1 peg only.
 5. As the Tipi is being pegged out the central pole can be continually knocked into the vertical position indicated by the Plumb line.
 6. When everything is tensioned to your satisfaction you can beg the pole base plate into position.

Tensioning the guylines

No matter how tight you tension the ridgeline and guy lines when first put up. Everything will stretch and loosen up. You will need to do 2 -3 tensioning routines before things bed down.

Keep everything tight and the water will runoff!

Enjoy yourselves and have a blast.

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