

Take Care of your Tipi, Tent or Yurt

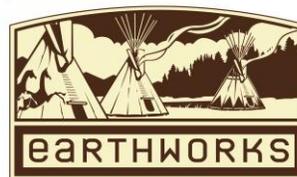
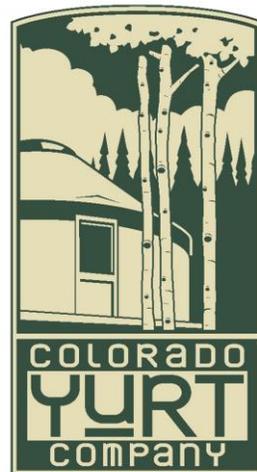
Our Company has been making tipis, tents and yurts since 1976. Originally called Earthworks Tipi Makers, the Company has evolved to become The Colorado Yurt Company but we're still under the original ownership, and we still proudly make Earthworks Tipis.

Over years of involvement with various types of industrial fabrics and treated canvas we have seen many changes and improvements to their manufacture and treatment, including the use of more environmentally friendly chemicals and processes. All of our woven fabrics are treated for water repellency and mildew retardancy. The treatments are durable but with constant 24/7 exposure the treatments become less effective. Our products— tipis, tents and yurts— are often installed and left fully exposed to the elements for years at a time. Not unlike most things left exposed to the elements—a car, a boat cover, or painted clapboard siding— full exposure to the elements will cause some degradation.

The biggest enemies to the longevity of a fabric structure are extreme weather conditions, UV ray degradation and mold and mildew. Depending on your environmental conditions and climate—hot and dry, rainy and humid, high elevation or high wind exposure—your structure may be affected by severe extremes of these conditions.

Some suggested cleaning agents:

- [Iosso Cleaner & Mold and Mildew Treatment](#)
- [Meguiar's Canvas Cleaner](#). Available at: [Amazon](#)
- [nas - 12 Mold and Mildew Cleaner from National Allergy](#)
- [303 Cleaner](#) (A non-toxic biodegradable colloidal cleaner)
- [Simple Green](#)



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Pitch it correctly

All structures, from skyscrapers and stadiums to modest houses and mobile homes—have limitations to the amount of weight and wind load they can bear. Our yurts, especially our Alpine Winter Stout Yurt, have been engineered to meet published snow and wind load capabilities. Our tents and tipis have not been engineered for snow and wind loads.

It is important to install your structure according to our instructions. The fabric skin or membrane on a fabric structure should be stretched and attached with the proper hardware at all the points provided to minimize fabric movement. Excessive fabric movement, or “wind whip” causes wear and tear on the fabric and it can cause the framework of the structure to become misshapen and unsound. If you rely on a self-proclaimed “expert” to help pitch your tipi, tent, or yurt, follow the process with our instructions and make sure all the details are correct on the final installation. If you leave your structure for any length of time, make sure it is properly anchored and “battened down”. If you don’t plan to visit your tent or tipi over a long period of time, consider taking it down and storing it. Always store it completely dry in a ventilated area away from rodents.

Keep it Clean

Although fabric structures, particularly canvas ones with cotton content, tend to take on an overall “patina” with constant exposure to dust and precipitation, it is important to keep them generally clean. Excessive dirt and moisture can create an environment prone to mildew.

If mold and mildew spores exist at the site where you pitch your structure (in the soil or plant life for example) they can cause mildew to grow on the fabric. Although all our fabrics are mildew retardant, they are not warranted against the occurrence of mildew. The best way to prevent or arrest the spread of mildew is to choose a site where your fabric will dry out completely as often as possible. If mildew does begin to occur it is important to treat and clean it as soon as possible.

