

A promotional banner for Life in Tents. It features a collage of images: a large white tent at night with warm interior lighting, a couple sitting on a log by a campfire, a person in a tent, and a table set for dining. The banner includes the Life in Tents logo, a 'BOOK NOW' button, a list of features, and contact information.

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3 Tips For Protecting Your Tent During Long-Term Use



Our [outdoor tents](#) are built tough to withstand almost anything that Mother Nature may toss at them. Leaving up a canvas tent for weeks on end is possible to do, however it does require a mindful approach of the set-up, care, and maintenance - especially in humid environments.

Below are key considerations for successfully leaving up any [canvas tent](#) for more than a couple weeks at a time.



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1. Site Preparation

The ideal tent site will have good sun exposure, natural water drainage away from the tent, is free of foliage, located in a natural breezeway and is of course on flat ground. Each of these features helps to combat the growth of mold, enemy #1 to canvas.

Building a wood platform helps to raise a tent off of the ground, away from standing water and mud. If a platform isn't an option, then laying down quarter minus gravel is a great affordable base to create good water drainage. We would also suggest a tent fly.

Strongly consider a tent fly cover to extend the life of your canvas by providing protection from long-term exposure UV rays, discourage your canvas from long-term dampness, and also help to insulate your tent during hot or cold temperatures. A fly cover can even be temporarily installed when your bell tent is not in use to give your tent extra life and reduce exposure from Mother Nature.

2. Regular Maintenance

Rain, birds, trees, leaves wind and the sun will impact the condition of your bell tent after your initial set it up. You will want to monitor and care for your canvas tent regularly to maximize the return on your investment.



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- Ensure that guy line ropes are **extended properly**.
- Reduce humidity being trapped inside the tent by increasing **air circulation** or adding heat. Open windows, regularly run a fan or periodically use a heater, dehumidifier or A/C unit to dry out the inside. Avoid cooking or leaving wet items inside.
- **Cut back all foliage** - at least 2-3 feet from the canvas of your tent. Avoid allowing damp grass or leaves from having prolonged contact with the canvas.
- **Retreat the waterproofing** of your canvas after every 12-16 weeks of continuous use (especially in humid climates) with 303 Fabric Guard to repel moisture. It is time if water does not bead and roll off the canvas.
- Quickly clean off mold, tree sap, dirt, leaves or bird dropping with Iosso Mold & Stain Remover (and apply 303 Fabric Guard afterwards).
- Regularly tighten guy lines and re-drive in the pegs as needed.
- Take your tent down when it won't be used for several weeks in a row.
- NEVER pack up your tent wet or damp.

3. Anticipate Antagonists

Critters and snow are a couple of foes that you will want to plan on keeping at bay. Raccoons, squirrels, mice and bears may be envious of your cozy shelter, but generally will stay away. But they will become curious and attempt to claw their way in if you keep food, beverages, or other appetizing scents inside of your tent.

Bell tents can do well in the snow if you are able to monitor them regularly and keep your tent structurally sound. Just a few inches of snow can add over 2,000 lbs. of



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snow load to the center pole, which is enough to cause the pole to bend or break - it poke through the ceiling. Therefore, we'd recommend periodically cleaning snow from the roof as it accumulates, or heating up the tent to help the snow to melt off. To reduce the concern of snow removal, you could create a custom 4" center pole out of hardwood to give added strength and greater piece of mind. Learn **more tips** by reading our [snow camping](#) article.

We have had many successful customers keep our tents up year-round by **mindfully monitoring** them. Many people take their tents down for a couple of months to help simplify the maintenance process and extend the life of their tents.



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At Life inTents, we design and sell luxury camping tents and gear for comfortable outdoor experience. Our cotton canvas bell tents are the toughest and most elegant tents on the market, making them perfect for glamping businesses, overland expeditions, backyard guest houses, and hunting tents.

Our adventure started with our engagement in 2011 that we parlayed into an opportunity to explore the world together. We became TENT on helping others to disconnect from the comforts of daily routines - to embrace challenges of an uncommon and meaningful path. We then shared our home, our VW van, and now our bell tents for a greater purpose: to spread Joy, Comfort, and Connection throughout the land.

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