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-  When pitching ensure a minimum distance of 6m between adjacent tents or awnings.
-  Do not place cooking, heating or lighting appliances near the sides or the roof.
-  Always observe the safety instructions for these appliances.
-  Never allow children to play near lighted appliances.
-  Keep exits clear.
-  Make sure you know the fire precaution arrangements on the site.

## CONDENSATION




-  Condensation can occur even in cotton tents and should not be confused with leaking.
-  The moisture from the air, from your cooking and from your breath can, under certain conditions, form beads or drops of water when it comes into contact with a cold surface. This condensation may occur on tent poles or on the inside of the flysheet.
-  To reduce condensation avoid prolonged cooking in the tent and ensure that your tent is well ventilated at all times.

## WET WEATHER



-  Tents made of synthetic material will expand or contract with temperature changes and should be re-tensioned to ensure proper performance.
-  Wet cotton canvas may shrink. To counteract this effect keep under tension when wet and drying out.
-  Lichfield tents are stitched using thread which is treated with a water repellent finish.
-  Your tent is fitted with storm guy lines which should be firmly pegged out during inclement weather.

(NB Some models may have specific features which are included in the erection instructions.)


## PACKING UP

-  If possible pack up when the tent is dry. However, it may be necessary at times to fold your tent up whilst still wet.
-  Completely dry it out as soon as possible to avoid permanent damage by mildew.
-  To dismantle your tent follow the specific erection instructions in reverse order.




## REMOVING PEGS

-  Use a peg extractor or another peg to pull them out.
-  Never use the rubber ring, tensioners or the fabric of the tent.

## REMOVING POLES






-  Dismantle poles carefully. Flexible shock-corded poles should be pushed out through the sleeves not pulled.

## PACKING






-  Clean off any mud or grass and fold the tent with the zips partly open and then roll up towards the doors so that the air can escape.
-  Ideally the zips should then be fully closed.
-  Poles and pegs should be packed separately from the tent to avoid damage.

## STORAGE & MAINTENANCE



### STORAGE

-  Before storing your tent for any period make sure that it is completely dry and all mud has been removed.
-  Tents are best stored opened out in a dry, well aired place.
-  If this is not possible, give the tent a really good airing on a dry day or indoors if necessary.
-  Ensure that the zip webs and all tapes are dry before storing back in its bag.
-  Store the pegs and the poles separately and lightly treat metal poles with a fine oil, Vaseline or WD4O which must be removed before re-use.

### MILDEW

-  Mildew affects cloth when stored in damp or wet conditions.
-  At the first signs of any mildew dry out your tent completely, brush carefully and re-proof.
-  A weak solution of Milton will stop small patches from spreading but will not remove the marks.
-  Where severe damage has been done it may be necessary to patch or replace panels.
-  Do not store your tent in damp conditions otherwise the mildew will attack the fabric.

### MAINTENANCE

-  Dirt and stains can be removed either by brushing or by gently washing with a mild soap solution. Never use detergents and do not scrub.
-  Rinse well and dry thoroughly, re-proofing if necessary.

### REPAIRS

Some metal poles are spring-linked together for ease of erection, whilst flexible poles are linked by shock cord. In case of damage these can easily be replaced by spares which are available from Jacksons Camping.