

Tent Frequently Asked Questions

What size tent will I need for my event?

The following list is a "best guess" for the capacity of different tent sizes: 14' x 14' 16 people 16' x 16' 24 people 20' x 20' 40 people 20' x 30' 50 people 20' x 40' 70 people 30' x 30' 90 people 30' x 40' 120 people 30' x 45' 100 people 30' x 60' 180 people 40' x 40' 120 people 40' x 60' 150 people 40' x 80' 200 people 40' x 100' 250 people.

How will I know if I can fit a certain tent in the lawn area I have?

The first thing you need to do is measure the area you wish to put the tent. You will need to add 10 feet in both length and width to the dimensions for staking. (This means if you want a 20' x 30' tent then you will need an area 30' x 40'). This area must be flat with no obstacles in the way, either above or below the ground! Obstacles may include fences, boulders, swing sets, driveways, sprinkler systems, septic fields, etc. In addition to the ground area, we will also need truck access onto your property and close to the tent setting and 18' overhead space where the tent will be installed. If you are not certain your desired location fits these requirements, please e-mail us photos of the site and we will evaluate it for suitability. We also do site visits on larger tents.

When should I have my lawn cut before my party?

Make sure you do not cut your lawn on the date of the tent install. The green sap that is left on the surface of your lawn will stain our equipment as we have to lay most of it on the ground during installation. It is always best to have your lawn a little long during an event, allowing it to recover quicker from the compaction of traffic. If your event is on a Saturday you would want your lawn to be mowed no later than Wednesday. Cutting your lawn after the tent is installed will be very difficult around the poles and sidewall, and the grass will stain the equipment for sure.

Should I rent sidewalls for my tent in case it rains?

That all depends. It does not rain sideways and the sidewalls will increase the temperature under the tent by 10-15 degrees. Sidewalls are most useful on cold days/evenings or when there is a need to block an undesirable view. Please keep in mind the "APC" tents can not support the weight of sidewalls.

What is the difference between a frame tent, a pole tent, and an APC tent?

A pole tent is held up by tension and requires staking every 10 feet, plus additional stakes at each corner. It also requires large center poles every 20 feet inside the tent. The nice part about a pole tent is the added look of peaks from the center poles, adding height and dimension to your tent. A frame tent requires minimal staking, usually between 6 and 12 stakes. Further, since the stakes are to hold the tent down (as opposed to adding tension to the tent) the stakes are installed much closer to the tent and thus a frame tent can fit in areas that a pole tent could not. A frame tent will also be free of interior center poles, since it is help up by a metal frame and legs. A frame tent can also bridge a patio, driveway or garden where a pole tent would have to be staked into those surfaces. An APC tent, or all purpose tent, is a less formal, lighter tent. Perfect for graduations and picnics where you desire cover from rain and sun, but do not require the sidewall option. APC tents are very easy to install, in fact, many of our customers do just that. It will take about 20 minutes to set up an APC tent with 2 adults. We offer a 20x20, 20x30, and 20x40 APC tent. We provide do-it-yourself instructions and advice as needed.