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About Renting Tents

Tents can be a great addition to an outdoor event for many reasons. Not only can they greatly enhance the appearance of your event, they can also greatly increase the comfort of the event by sheltering you and your guests from the elements. Tents are available in a variety of sizes ranging from 10' x 10' to infinity in a variety of colors ranging from solid white to two color stripe.

TYPES OF TENTS

There are 5 main types of tents available;



Canopies and Pop Up Canopy Tents

These tents are very lightweight and are designed to provide only shade or protection from light rain. They are constructed of a metal tube frame and a poly tarp for the top cover held on with small ball bungee's. These tents are designed for customer set-up, and we do not offer installation of these units. Perimeter staking is required for standard canopies and side walls are not available. This type of tent is good for grill setups, back yard parties, graduation parties, covering a buffet area, or for seating shade for smaller groups.

Pop up canopies (EZ up) are similar to the design of a small frame tent using a collapsible aluminum frame which does require staking. Neither of these lightweight tents are suitable for heavy rains or high winds and usually do not have sidewalls.

Frame Tents

These small, lightweight tents are made of a reinforced vinyl stretched over an aluminum frame. Since they have no center poles, the inside area is unobstructed. Depending upon their construction, and due to their lightweight sturdy frames, minimal staking is required and they are perfect for installation in areas where staking is not practical, i.e. patios, decks, driveways, etc. (There is minimal damage to lawn installations as well...)



Marquee Tents

These tents are usually constructed of reinforced vinyl stretched over a sectional, tubular aluminum frame. They are normally used for weddings, parties, sales or information booths and vendor booths. They can also be placed end to end for use as a covered walkway or to create a longer tented area. This type of tent requires staking or weighting.



Pole Tents

This traditional style tent is supported by perimeter poles and center support poles. This type of tent requires staking around the perimeter of the tent. (Be sure you have an additional 8' to 10' of space in addition to the tent size for staking.)



Clear Span Tents

This type of tent is relatively new to the industry. They are designed as a self supporting tent structure with no center poles. They are sized usually from about 50 ft wide to 200 ft wide, and able to be made almost any length. This type of tent needs to be placed on almost flat ground. It is designed to seat many people but are usually expensive because of the labor involved to erect.

TENT SELECTION

The type and size of tent you select will depend upon your intended use and your available space. Your cost will depend mainly upon the size and type of tent selected.

TENT PLACEMENT

When considering the placement of the tent, try to select a level area and make sure that you are not placing it in a low area where water will flow or accumulate if it should rain. If staking is required, be careful of the unseen underground factors that may affect the tent placement, i.e. sprinkler systems (checking the sprinkler timers is not a bad idea either), gas and water lines, and telephone and electrical conduit or wires. In most municipalities the local utility companies will be happy to visit the site and mark the locations of their pipes, wires, etc. Customer is responsible for any locating of underground utilities and permits if required. If electrical service is required to the tent for lighting, etc. try to locate the tent in an area where power can be easily accessed and run to the tent. Electrical generators are also available for areas where electrical power is not readily available.

ACCESSORIES

Depending upon your intended tent use, following are some accessories you may want to consider...

Sidewalls - Solid and windowed sidewalls are usually available for most larger tents. Some windowed sidewalls are rather detailed in design and offer an upscale appearance.

Pole Curtains - Pole curtains cover side poles and really dress up a tent, especially a wedding tent. There are 2 styles, white vinyl and white cloth.

Cooling/Heating - Depending upon the expected ambient temperature, these options can greatly increase the level of comfort. (Tent sidewalls are needed when either of these options are used.)

Dance Floors - This accessory is highly recommended if dancing is an available activity. We have specialty floors for outdoor set-ups.

Lighting - Lighting can be used for practical application (like to see what you are eating) or to create a desired effect or mood.

What are the costs? Canopies are priced customer installed. Instructions are supplied with canopies. Tents are priced as setup and taken down. **Customer will incur an extra charge if canopies are damaged during the rental.**

How early will they set up? Setup will usually be the day before the event, sometimes sooner, depending on our schedule. Setup time will be coordinated a few days before the event.

When will they tear down? Be sure to allow sufficient time for your guests and suppliers to leave before the tent comes down. Please allow time for tent to dry in case of rain. Tents can not be taken down wet. Make sure all items other than Main Events are removed from the tent before taken down.

THE INSTALLATION

Prior to the delivery and set-up of the tent it is not a bad idea to measure the area and create a diagram indicating the placement of the tent. It is also wise to have someone onsite when the tent arrives and during set-up to make sure the tent is set-up in the proper place.

Tents do have to be held down in some manner. The most common method is using stakes. If setup is on blacktop, we drill holes before we drive the stakes to minimize damage to the surface. We can fill the holes after removal if requested to seal the surface. Tents must be installed to manufactures recommendations to insure safety.

If permits are required at your location, it is the customers responsibility to apply for the permits prior to installation. Also have any underground utilities or equipment located and marked prior to installation. Main Events is not responsible for damage of underground facilities when installing tents.