



Tenting F.A.Q.'s

When planning an event that involves tenting, there are variable factors that one must consider. The rental coordinators at Party Suppliers and Rentals are happy to answer any questions that you may have when it comes to tenting.

Some things to consider when booking a tent:

Questions to think about:

- ❖ On what kind of surface will the tent be placed...grass/concrete/asphalt/decking?
- ❖ Is there any irrigation or other underground conditions that could be affected by the use of stakes?
- ❖ How much space do you have? What are the dimensions of the tent site?
- ❖ Does the venue allow for stakes to be driven into the ground?
- ❖ How many people do you wish to accommodate under the tent and in what type of configuration...all seated at tables/partial seating/cocktail party setting?
- ❖ What other items would you like to include under the tent...stage/dance floor/bars/buffet/cake table/etc.
- ❖ What time of day will your event take place? Will your event require lighting?
- ❖ Is there a power source at the site, or will you need a generator?
- ❖ Do you wish to enclose any portion of the tent?
- ❖ Will you need separate tenting for catering?
- ❖ Is there a water source available if water barrels are required?

Types of Tents:

- ❖ Pole Tents
 - Rely on tension within the membrane to hold the shape of the tent. These tents are supported by a single or multiple centerpoles in the middle of the tent and a series of sidepoles around the perimeter, which must be staked into the ground.
 - Features high swooping peaks
 - Made of waterproof white vinyl.

- ❖ **Marquee Tents**
 - Create an elegant entryway for weddings and corporate events.
 - Made of waterproof white vinyl.
- ❖ **Frame Tents**
 - Features a skeleton of aluminum framework and steel connectors to support the white vinyl tent top. Although this style of tent is “free-standing” by design, it will still require anchoring to resist rain/wind forces. Frame tents do not have interior centerpoles.
 - Made of waterproof white vinyl.
- ❖ **Sailcloth/Tidewater Tents (Nantucket or Aurora)**
 - Sailcloth/tidewater tents give you the feeling of floating under a parachute. The ends of these style tents are round, not square. The tent tops are made of an opaque fabric and the poles are made of wood. As with a standard pole tent, these tents are supported by a single or multiple centerpoles in the middle of the tent and a series of sidepoles around the perimeter, which must be staked into the ground.
 - Made of water-resistant cloth.
- ❖ **Clear Top Frame Tents**
 - Clear top tents are structured in the same manner as traditional frame tents, the only difference being the vinyl is clear rather than white. They are best utilized for functions in the late fall and winter months.
 - Party Suppliers and Rentals DOES NOT RECOMMEND the use of clear tents during the spring, summer and early fall months in North Carolina, as the tent will create a warming “greenhouse effect” for vendors and guests. The tent will heat up under the sun, and will not have the opportunity to cool down throughout the day.
 - Made of waterproof clear vinyl.

Tent Accessories

- ❖ **Sidewalls**
 - Solid (white vinyl)
 - Windowed (white vinyl with a clear vinyl window)
 - Clear (clear vinyl)
- ❖ **Pole Drapes**
 - White fabric to hide the aluminum poles
- ❖ **Lighting**
 - Globe lights (around the perimeter of the tent/one per sidepole)
- ❖ **Climate Control**
 - Tent Heaters & Propane
- ❖ **Tent Liners**
 - Soft, billowy white fabric lining installed in the ceiling of a standard frame tent.
 - Masks the interior framework of the tent.

❖ Alternative Staking Options

- Concrete Blocks
- Concrete Buckets
- Water Barrels

Tropical Storms & Hurricanes

Tents are **NEVER** to be used as storm shelters! In severe weather, including but not limited to lightning, heavy rains, and high winds, the tent should be evacuated! Clients are responsible for creating an inclement weather backup/emergency evacuation plan for their event.

In the event of a HURRICANE WATCH: if a tent is already up, it can stay up and Party Suppliers and Rentals will come out and ensure all straps are secured properly; however new/scheduled tent reservations will NOT go up.

In the event of a HURRICANE WARNING: all tents that are up will come down and new/scheduled tent reservations will NOT go up.