

# Canvas Care Tips

**CLEVER  
PROTECTIVE  
COVERS**

## **Pre-use Care**

Before using a canvas for the first time, the canvas will need to be pre-conditioned or 'weathered' in order for the structure to have its own natural water repellance.

Set it up and pre-soak the cover with water using a garden hose or similar, avoid using high pressure washers as this may remove the surface proofing. The fabric needs to be completely soaked to allow the fabric to swell and relax/shrink back to tighten the weave on drying. The wetting/drying process will not only allow the canvas to condition and gain its full water proofing properties, but will also help close up any stitching holes.

The process of weathering may take more than one attempt if you are wetting angled canvases such as canopies, but from experience two attempts normally suffice.

## **NEVER PUT A DAMP CANVAS INTO STORAGE**

Ensure the canvas is fully dried before packing away. All natural fabrics are susceptible to mildew. For mildew to grow it requires food, heat and moisture. Mildew will result quickly on canvas if folded away wet or stored in a damp place. Wash off any dirt, animal droppings and vegetation such as leaves with a hose as these can also promote mildew growth and staining on your canvas when stored. Air dry only.

## **Steps**

1. Pre-soak canvas.
2. If needed, repeat soaking process multiple times (multiple soaks may be needed for angles for angles canvases such as canopies.
3. Allow the canvas to air-dry, once completely dry before packing away.