

TENT FOLDING

Do not pack the wet/dirty ground cloth (black plastic) in the tent at camp. Leave it out until everything is dried out at home and ready to pack again.

Procedure:

1. Neatly lay out tent, align plastic tubes sideways so that when you roll up the tent they do not roll “end to end”. Unzip each door a few inches to allow it to vent (and not make a bubble) when you roll the tent up.
2. Facing one of the sides with the door, fold tent right-to-left over 2/3 way, then fold the other section left-to-right 1/3 over. Tent is now 1/3 width, just right for storage bag.
3. Fold tent fly in half (the fold is along the roof) forming a rectangle with the triangular vestibule attached.
4. Pick up the tip of the vestibule triangle and fold it into the rectangle, now leaving an easy rectangular shape to fold.
5. Fold the side with hooks/straps over about 2/3 way (like the tent), then the other 1/3 over.
6. Set the fly neatly on the tent.
7. Fold the black plastic and white plastic neatly (in 1/4 widths) and place on the fly. Since they are long, fold in half. Set the folded end towards the side that you will start the tent rolling; this way the plastic will vent out air while being rolled up. It helps to put the plastic near the middle, leaving exposed tent/fly material at both ends so that you start and end your roll with less-slippery nylon tent material, not plastic. Do not fold up with the plastic on the outside of the roll!
8. Use the tent poles to roll up the tent tightly and place in bag. The plastic tubes should be parallel with the poles (not rolled “end-to-end”). Do not roll up stakes inside the tent.
9. Put stakes in the stake bag with pointy side up and put the stake bag in the tent bag beside the tent all the way to the bottom – there should be plenty of room if you rolled it well.
10. Don't cram the tent or stakes into the bag – you may tear the bag.

Remember:

- NEATNESS is the key to fitting the tent and plastic into the bag.
- Do not roll up the stakes in the tent.
- Do not roll up the tent with the plastic on the outside.
- The tent can be rolled up wet or damp at camp, then dried out at home soon after a campout.
- Be careful with the coated (shiny) side of the nylon - tent floor and under the fly. It is the waterproof coating that keeps you dry! One small scratch can result in nasty drips.