

Springtime Yurt Maintenance

This spring, give your circular abode some TLC with the following yurt maintenance tasks.



✓ TOP AND SIDE COVER CLEANING

Over time, accumulated dirt and bacteria can stain and weaken your yurt roof and wall fabric. We suggest cleaning the side and top covers at least every six months. A soft bristle brush in mild soap and warm water will serve well for this yurt care task. A swimming pool brush with extendable handle is ideal for this. You can also use a ladder in the middle of the yurt to remove the dome and clean from there. If you notice any mildew growing on your side or top covers, be sure to remove it immediately with mild soap and warm water.

✓ WRINKLE ELIMINATION

Occasionally, wrinkles may appear in your yurt's exterior due to the fabric relaxing over time. This is easily remedied with some adjustments. You can remove vertical side cover wrinkles by removing the screws at the bottom of the side cover, pulling fabric toward the door, and reinstalling the screws. Horizontal wrinkles in the side cover may be removed by tightening the cord connecting the side and top covers. Note: if the yurt fabric is brittle or tears easily, it is likely at the end of its lifecycle and you should contact us regarding replacement covers.

✓ DOOR MAINTENANCE

To keep the door handle working properly; lubricate it with graphite or Teflonbased lubricant. At least once a year, apply fresh stain to any wood finished door exterior. A high quality semi-transparent cedar stain should match the original finish well. A wood cleaner or wood brightener may be necessary prior to the application of fresh stain. Protect the finish with a few coats of Tung oil. We now offer a fiberglass door option which requires virtually no maintenance.

✓ PATCHING TIPS

Tears in the side or top cover should be repaired during warm temperatures or the fabric surface should be heated to at least 60 degrees. The [replacement parts page](#) of our website lists patch kits and materials that are available. Patching methods and the materials needed for a repair can vary, but our representatives can provide guidance on the best way to make your repairs.

✓ WOOD STOVE MAINTENANCE

Wood stove pipes should be cleaned out monthly. Inspect the wood stove door seals every year or two and replace them if necessary. Ensure that you have a small fire extinguisher in your yurt for emergencies.

