

# Top 10 Questions About Yurts

Wondering how a yurt might fit into your life? Add detail to your dream of owning a yurt with the following commonly asked yurt questions and answers.



## 1. How long do yurts last?

Given proper care, the yurt's wooden frame will last a lifetime. Our standard fabric covers typically last about ten to twelve years; our premium top covers come with a fifteen-year manufacturer's warranty, but often last twenty years or more.

## 2. How can yurts be cooled?

Cool your yurt by installing one or more following customizations:

- Reflective insulation
- A tinted dome skylight, which may be opened for convection cooling
- A ceiling fan, to increase circulation
- Floor vents, to pull in cool air from under the yurt platform
- An air conditioner unit, using one of our convenience panels or a mini split system
- Screen doors and windows to allow cool night air without bug hassles



For those hoping to maximize winter passive solar heat, select our center ring insert with shade screen—you can switch out the center ring insert seasonally.

## 3. What about heating my yurt?

Install the following features for winter comfort:

- A heat system. Pacific Yurts' customers have installed many types of heating systems, including wood, pellet and propane stoves, electric heaters, and even radiant floor heating. Heating ductwork may be installed below the yurt floor.
- Reflective insulation
- Insulated window covers
- A ceiling fan, to circulate heat
- Insulation skirting for the platform.



## 4. Can I add plumbing and electricity?

Yes, you can work with a local contractor to bring both utilities up through the floor.

## 5. Is it possible to add rooms, such as kitchens and bathrooms?

Yes, by adding interior walls you can section off different living areas within your yurt. One wall can contain water and electrical hookups for the kitchen on one side, and the bathroom on the other. It is also possible to add a sleeping loft. Hire a local contractor for this light construction work.



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## 6. Do I need a building permit for my yurt?

Check with your local authorities. Some locations may not require building permits. Municipalities and states may categorize yurts as temporary structures, out buildings, or permanent structures. The need for a permit is often dependent on the intended use for the yurt as well.

## 7. Is it possible to live “off the grid” in a yurt?

Absolutely. Modern yurts can sustain independent living with a few add-ons, such as solar electricity, a wood stove, and a composting toilet.

## 8. Who installs the yurt?

You may install it yourself, or hire a local contractor to assemble it for you. Included with every Pacific Yurt is a detailed, step-by-step installation manual. We also offer a toll-free number for U.S. clients with installation questions.



## 9. How do yurts hold up to snow and wind?

Although our yurts are naturally strong, we offer a variety of engineered upgrades to further reinforce the structure for specific snow and wind conditions. Contact our representatives for more information.

## 10. How secure is a yurt?

Our doors include high quality locksets that come with a lifetime warranty. You can increase security with a deadbolt, or even a keyless entry deadbolt. Alarms, motion sensors, and other security measures may be installed as well. As for natural protection, a wooden lattice spans the yurt's circumference, even across fabric windows. This means the only entry is through the door.



Perhaps these FAQs have only spurred more specific inquiries in your mind. For more answers to your yurt questions, call our friendly staff at 1-800-944-0240 or visit our FAQ section at [www.yurts.com/faqs](http://www.yurts.com/faqs)