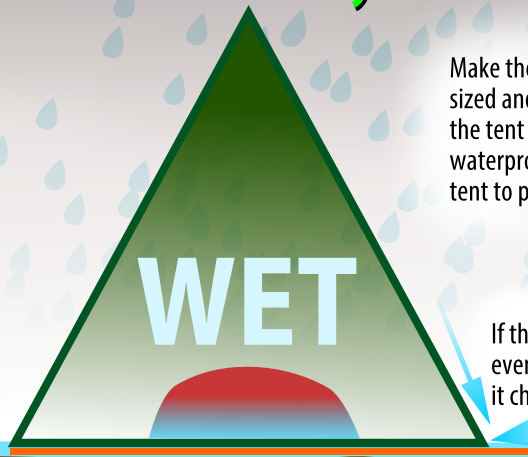


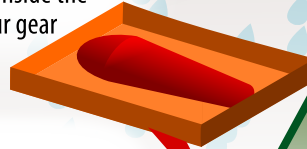
When it rains here's how to

KEEP YOUR CAMPING GEAR DRY!

It may seem strange at first, but it works!



Make the ground cloth over-sized and fold the edges up on the tent walls to form a waterproof 'boat' inside the tent to protect your gear



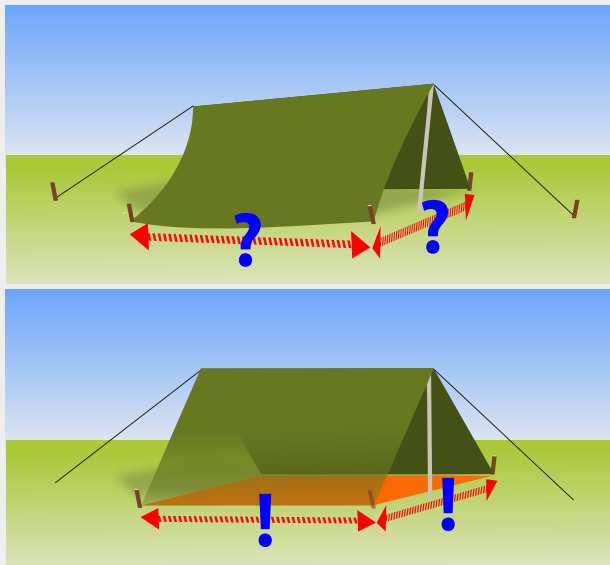
If the ground cloth extends even slightly beyond the floor it channels water into the tent.

Plastic ground cloth **UNDER** the tent floor.

Rainwater flows between the ground cloth and floor, and is pressured by body weight into the tent.

Plastic ground cloth **INSIDE** the tent.

When rainwater flows over the ground into the tent an over-sized ground cloth inside will keep your gear dry.

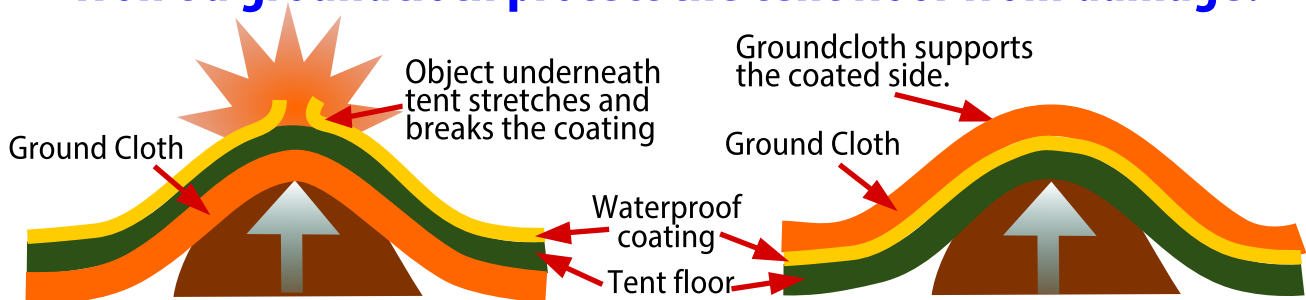


If the tent floor won't keep things dry why have it in the first place?

Originally tents had no floor to establish their shape, so pitching the tent properly required a lot of trial and error. Floors in tents make them easier to set up.

Even the best coated fabric and meticulously waterproofed seams eventually fail and allow water into the tent. Water that gets inside stays inside, an interior ground cloth protects your gear from getting wet.

Won't a groundcloth protect the tent floor from damage?



A ground cloth under the tent floor provides little protection. An object (stick or rock) pressing against the floor from beneath (the non-coated side) compresses and the coated side on top stretches. Eventually the top coating breaks. An interior ground cloth is an added layer of support for the coated surface.

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