



Installing the Rain Cap

The rain cap is a canvas circle with 8 loops. It needs to be draped over the poles and tied down with rope. In order to assure proper functioning of the rain cap, all poles have to be covered. Therefore, before handling the rain cap, you need to assure that your poles are not too long for the rain cap to fit over them.

We recommend that your poles are max. 3ft longer than the size of your tipi, so the top pole cluster does not spread out too much. For example, an 18ft tipi should only have maximum 21ft long poles. Cut and round the tips of the poles or punch old tennis balls over the tips, so the rain cap can slide better on the poles.



Cut your rain cap cord into 8 equal pieces and tie them to the loops. If you are setting up your tipi, drape the rain cap around the tripod and lift it up as you lift up the tripod. If your tipi is already set up, use the smoke flap poles or telescoping extension poles (Mr. Long Arm) to hoist the rain cap up and over the pole structure.

Alternatively, you can lean both smoke flap poles next to each other into the pole cluster and use this as a support for a ladder. Have a second person hold the ladder while you climb it, then use a broom to hoist the rain cap over the poles.



To tie the rain cap, spread it out as much as you can. Ideally, you tie it to nearby trees or railings. You can also stake it down to the ground or tie it to eye screws in your deck. Flare out the front, so you can still move your smoke flaps. Do NOT tie your rain cap to your tipi cover, as high winds might turn it into a parachute and cause the whole tipi to collapse.