



# Dealing with Rain

The tipi is unique as it allows you to have an open fire inside. The opening at the top will let the smoke out – but it also will let rain in. Most rain can be dealt with by angling the smoke flaps while the fire is going, or closing them if you do not have an open fire lit. Some rain might drip from the cover rope or run down the poles, or come through the door opening. Smoothly sanded and oiled poles will help guide the rain down behind the liner without dripping and a gravel walkway below the pinning face will help catch any water coming in through the front. It will also keep your tipi clean from dirt that you might track inside (1).



If you want to avoid any rain coming into your tipi, you have several options. First, a rain cap can be placed on top of the poles. We offer 9ft or 12ft canvas caps. For them to work, though, you will need to cut your poles short. They should only stick out about 3 ft. (2). If you do not like the look of the rain cap and if you can work with the occasional rain drips coming in, then you might try an interior rain catcher. Use a metal bowl, a bucket or our rain catcher (3), which gets hoisted up underneath the pole cluster.

To catch the remaining rain drops that escape the rain catcher, you can install an ozan over your bedding (4). The ozan functions as an interior ceiling. Painters plastic over your furniture (5) or a secondary ceiling out of clear plastic, or old fashioned bowls and buckets are other ways to deal with those unwanted drips.

