



## 4.061 Tent Care - Airing a Tent

In the morning, when everyone is dressed and the weather is fine, roll up window flaps and throw back the door flaps to dry the edges. When the fabric is dry, secure the door flaps.

With canvas tents, don't forget to continue to tighten the guy lines as the canvas dries.

Each sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, etc. is spread open on two overlapping groundsheets to air. As soon as possible after breakfast, roll up bedrolls.

If weather is damp or rainy, roll sleeping bag immediately after getting up and waterproof - wrap it. See Section 5.030 for guidance.

If using individual ground sheets, everything should be put on the luggage rack 6" - 8" off the ground depending on the length of the grass. Allow enough space for air to circulate underneath. Make sure that the rack is far enough away from the tent wall so that nothing will touch the fabric when it is stored.

One way of storing the gear is to put the suitcases at one end of the rack and the bedrolls at the other end. Place the air mattresses on top. Drape the groundsheets over the pile, damp side on top. If it is done in this manner everything will be in the right order to set up the tent for night time. You should also be able to pull a suitcase out of the pile during the day without collapsing the pile.

Rake your tent and dining area each morning. Continually check your site for garbage and litter.

If groundsheets and mattresses are taken down for rest hour, make sure they are stored properly again when rest time is over.