HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR TENT
WEATHERPROOFING YOUR TENT
You have just purchased a tent that is factory seam sealed and therefore requires no additional sealing. Note: If you purchased an Elite tent it is NOT seam sealed. While seam tape significantly increases the weatherproofness of your tent, additional seam sealing will improve the performance of your tent in rainy conditions. For additional weatherproofness, seal all seams where the attachments are sewn to the fly, including webbing, Velcro, snaps, guy-outs, and zipper tracks. The best way to seal your tent is to use a urethane-based seam sealer for polyurethane-coated fabrics or a silicone-based seam sealer for silicone-coated fabrics. Run a thin bead around the base of the attachment, where it is sewn to the fly. Do this to attachments both on the inside and the outside of the tent.

CARING FOR YOUR TENT ON THE TRAIL
Most Sierra Designs tents are free-standing, not requiring the use of stakes in order to pitch the tent. This is a matter of convenience, allowing quick set-up and easy moving and cleaning of the tent. All tents, free-standing or not, must be staked out properly in order to achieve full structural integrity and prevent wind damage. No lightweight, back-packing style tent, whether rated at 3-season or 4-season, is capable of withstanding strong wind gusts without damage unless anchored and guyed properly. Buying your own tent can increase rain protection and ventilation and greatly enhance strength and wind resistance.

FIRE
Your tent is constructed of flame-retardant materials (with the exception of our Elite tent models that do not have flame-retardant materials), however these material will melt if exposed to sufficient heat or open flame. Use prudence in positioning your tent near campfires, stoves, barbecues, etc.

Caution: Sierra Designs is absolutely against cooking inside a tent. Asphyxiation, severe or even fatal burns are possible if a stove is used in a tent or vestibule without adequate ventilation. Additionally, a hot stove can melt through your tent floor if the stove is not rigorously insulated, and pots of hot liquid, if left uncovered, may create a condensation in the tent.

ULTRAVIOLET (UV) LIGHT
UV light is one of the most damaging of all the elements. When exposed to prolonged and extensive sunlight most fabrics will fade, lose strength, and eventually break down. Try to minimize exposing your tent to the sun. Store it during the day or pitch it in shady areas.

ANIMAL HAZARDS
Damage to animal tents is all too common, but is usually easily avoidable:
Never store food in your tent!

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE TRIP IS OVER
It is important to dry your tent completely before returning it to its stuff sack. If stored wet, mildew will likely occur. Mildew damage is not covered under warranty. Hand wash your tent with a mild soap and a sponge. Do not use harsh detergents, chemicals, or abrasive materials. Dirt particles left in the weave of the material speed up the deterioration of the fabric. Clean tents last longer. Never machine-wash your tent! Over extended periods, store your tent in a clean, dry environment.

SIERRA DESIGNS WARRANTY AND REPAIR SERVICE
We maintain a full repair facility to assist you with any problems you may have with any Sierra Designs product. We offer a limited lifetime warranty against defects in materials and workmanship, and for a nominal charge we will repair damage due to accidents or normal wear and tear. This warranty does not cover damages caused by improper care, accidents, or the natural breakdown of materials over extended use and time. State law requires all items identified for repair must be paid for. Sierra Designs does not wash tents! Dirty tents will be returned to sender for cleaning. You may contact the Warranty and Repair Department with comments or questions online at http://www.sierradesigns.com/support/parts-warranty-info or by calling 800-736-8592 during regular business hours.