

Tents 101

Tents do so much more than provide protection from rain. They also cool your guests from the heat of the day and allow for convenient lighting options- which gives you the ability to carry your event on into the evening hours. On top of all that, they add a special touch to your outdoor wedding. There is just something about a big white tent sitting atop lush green grass under a blue sky. The following will tell you just about everything you need to know about tents.

Pole tents:

- Can be used on any surface that can be staked- grass, gravel, asphalt.
- Have a “peaked” top.
- Have at least one center pole. The number of center poles varies with the size of tent.
- Have poles all around the tent and at least one stake in the ground near each pole.
- Sides are available.
- Need approx. 5 feet all the way around the tent to accommodate stakes. (Ex: a 20X40 tent would require a 30X50 area)
- Cannot be set-up directly next to another tent or structure.

Frame Tents:

- Can be used on any surface, including grass, gravel, asphalt, concrete, decks, and patios.
- Can be installed with or without stakes. (If stakes are not used, water barrels or some other type of anchoring system must be used to insure a safe installation. The type of installation varies depending on the ground surface.)
- Do not have a “peaked” top.
- Do not have center poles.
- Have fewer poles around the tent than pole tents, and do not require a stake at each pole.
- Depending on installation, can be set-up in a space approximately the same size as the tent.
- Sides are available.
- Can be set-up directly next to another frame tent or other structure.

Final Note: The size of tent you will need is based upon a large variety of factors specific to your wedding. Because these factors are so different for each wedding, we simply cannot give you a good formula for determining tent size within this booklet. However, quotes and advice are always free, so just give us a call and we will be happy to help you figure what size tent will serve your needs best.