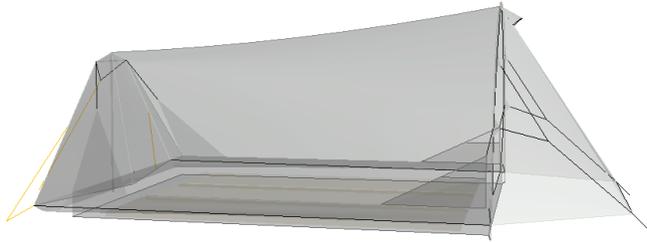


## Tarptent Rainshadow 3 Basic Setup

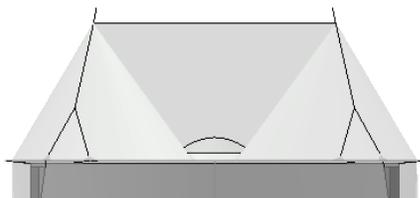


Basic setup is very easy. It will take about 2 minutes once you get the hang of it. For additional photos, see the Rainshadow 3 product page on tarptent.com

1. Spread canopy on ground, black floor side down. Remove stakes from stake bag and have ready.
2. Assemble arch pole. Pole length is 128in / 3.25 m.
3. Locate the yellow sleeve and thread a pole where the sleeve opens. Push the pole through the sleeve and insert the pole tip into grommet. Pull the fabric to slide the sleeve across the pole and insert the pole tip into the remaining grommet. Tighten straps as needed.



4. Now lift the arch and align it vertically. Stake through ring at bottom of vestibule edge as shown below. Be sure to relax the tension strap to allow plenty of room for tightening. Repeat at other edge.



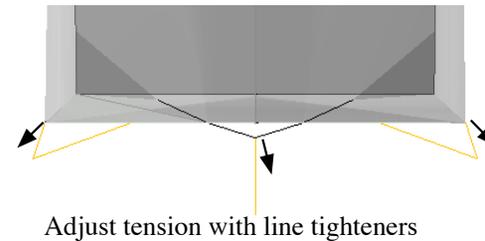
5. Now pull the rear edge fabric back from the arch, centering it against the arch pole tension. Insert a trekking pole or substitute pole into the rear grommet (or O-ring with adjustment strap) such that the grommet is about 34in / 86cm above ground. Stake guyline to ground using the line tightener to achieve high tension. If using our substitute pole, place a flat rock under the pole end to prevent sinking.



6. Now stake bottom corners, looping the cording around the stake as shown. The guylines should angle slightly out from each corner. Use the line tighteners to achieve high tension. Adjust the front arch positioning and tension, and restake as necessary to ensure ridgeline and sidewalls are taut.



7. Adjust tension all the way around the Rainshadow 3 using the tighteners (pull cord end to tighten; lift lever to loosen).



### Entry/Exit

Entry and exit are through the zippered vestibule door and interior mesh zippered door. Use the tiebacks to open and secure the vestibule door. The mesh door unzips on both sides and secures up high via a tieback loop and clip.



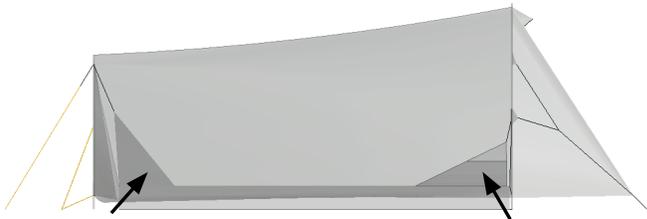
The vestibule also detaches from the stakes. Unclip the buckle, rolls the fabric back, and tie back against the sleeve. Use the arch tension straps to maintain a taut pitch when the vestibule is detached.



For full end-to-end ventilation, open and roll back the interior end storm flap.

### Other features

There are interior pockets at each front corner. Rear floor lifters ensure protection from splash and keep sleeping bag feet from touching a wall.



### Seam-sealing

Please refer to the seam-sealing instructional video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/tarptent>

You can also find a link from the Rainshadow 3 product page on tarptent.com.

Seams over your living space must be sealed with a **silicone**-based sealer. An inexpensive product is GE Silicone II clear sealer, available at most hardware stores in a squeeze tube. In a well-ventilated location, squirt about **3 table-spoons** into a tuna can and mix in about 3 tablespoons mineral spirits (paint thinner) or Coleman fuel/white gas. The silicone will dissolve and form a semi-viscous solution. Set up the tent and seal all seams over the living space as well as the floor seam on the inside. Paint the solution on with a small foam brush or rolled up paper towel for easy, smooth application. Add more mineral spirits and stir if the solution gets too thick or you start to run out.

### Condensation and Sag

Please watch our how-to-minimize condensation video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/tarptent>

Ventilation and fabric warmth are your best defenses against condensation. Keep the netting open if at all possible and try to set up where it's breezy. Keep the beaks open (or at least partially rolled up). Camp under trees where it's warmer and set up out of river valleys and lake basins where it's cool and damp.

Nylon stretches (and sags) when the humidity goes up. This happens as night is falling and/or when it starts to rain. Use the line tighteners to tighten the fabric.

### Key points to consider

- It's a good idea to paint lines of silicone on the floor—slightly thicker mixture than for the roof—to form an anti-skid mat.
- Push, rather than pull, the poles through the sleeves to prevent separation.
- The tent is made of strong, lightweight, and flammable fabric. Treat it accordingly. It will resist much stress but neither flame nor abrasion.

Thank you for your purchase and we sincerely hope that you enjoy your Tarptent. Feedback is always welcome.

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