



## Pole or frame tent, what is the difference? And, what works best?

### Frame Tents

The framework is made of aluminum or steel pipes that support the fabric roof. This special fabric does not require stakes to keep the proper tension, allowing flexibility in the placement of each tent. For example, frame tents may be set up closer to buildings, homes, or other structures because of their frame structure.

Some *advantages* of using a frame tent include: 1) there is more visibility inside the tent because there are not center poles, 2) there is more flexibility with the lay-out and floor plan, and 3) they are aesthetically more pleasing.

However, there are few *disadvantages*: 1) frame tents can be more expensive because they are labor intensive and 2) the largest width is 40 feet.

### Pole Tents

Pole tents use center poles to support the tent fabric and all the tension is held by the stakes. The poles must be positioned correctly and staked up to 3 feet into the ground in order to be safely secured.

Some advantages of pole tents include: 1) they more economical, 2) they provide the most space for lowest cost, 3) if you want a width more than 40 feet, and 4) if you want a more casual atmosphere.

The only disadvantages include: 1) pole tents require more space for the same size tent because the stakes and 2) guest vision can be obstructed by the poles.

## **Additional Tent Information**

### **Side Walls**

Side walls are an option for any style tent. We offer solid and French window side walls, which can be mixed to achieve the intended result. You can cover as many sides as you feel necessary and they can be added on closer to your event date; however, the sides are based on availability. Sidewalls can help absorb noise and keep out unwanted weather.

Solid Side Walls (7') - \$12.00 per 20 ft.

French Window Side Walls (7') - \$22.00 per 20 ft.

### **Heating/Air Conditioning**

Heating and air conditioning elements may be necessary at anytime of the year. A Classic will recommend the appropriate vendor and explain the additional costs to you. Tent heater and air conditioning units use propane and will therefore require electricity.

### **Under Ground Utilities**

By law, it is the owner's responsibility to call the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service (IUPPS); however, A Classic will contact IUPPS to mark all underground utility lines (sewer, water, & cable) for your convenience. In addition, the renter is responsible for clearly marking any sprinkler or septic system, invisible fence, or any other items that the IUPPS may not be aware of or be required to mark.

\*A Classic stakes 3 feet into the ground for all tents.

### **Site Visits**

Site visits are required fore all tents due to myriad unforeseen variables. A Classic will examine the site entry and exit, as large trucks and equipment will enter and exit through your property. Any obstructions, such as overhead hanging branches, power lines, cables, or structures, unsuitable ground conditions, such as soiled or unlevelled land, will also be examined at that time. In addition, A Classic will properly measure your area to ensure you have enough suitable space to safely install a tent on your property. Our tent experts and technicians can handle almost any problem; leave it up to us to answer all your questions!

## Sizing Guide

Tent sizing can be complicated, as every item under the tent needs to be accounted for, in order to estimate the correct size tent. As a **very general guide**, below is a list of how many tables will fit under a few of our most popular tents.

### Frame Tents

Tent Size	# of Tables
20 x 20	4
20 x 30	6
20 x 40	8
30 x 30	9

### Pole Tents

Tent Size	# of Tables
30 x 30	8
30 x 45	11
30 x 60	15
40 x 40	15