



Mess tent handling

Pitching the tent:

- Try to pitch the tent in a way that the door doesn't face the wind (you should probably check the most common wind directions for that area first)
- Make sure that the bottom of the tent is touching the ground
- Make sure you're pitching both inside AND outside the tent. Use the big pegs for the inside first and then the thin ones for the outside. Make sure that the tension of the guys is enough to keep the tent tightly.

Hygiene:

The tent can quickly become squalid, so please:

- Take out the garbage often
- Wash and put away things you have used for snacking
- Store food and equipment neatly around the sides of the tent
- Keep your personal kit in your own tent, not in the mess tent
- Do not use the mess tent for sleeping

Looking after the tent:

- Check the tension of the guys from time to time to keep the tent tightly pitched so that it does not flap around too much.
- Make sure the doors are fastened when taking the tent down – closed doors enable the side guys to be placed the correct distance apart when the tent is next erected. And when erecting the tent do not pull it too tight across the front as this can break the door zip.
- At night and when leaving the tent for a period or when taking it down please fasten the door clips as well as the zip. This protects the zip from being strained or pulled apart and broken.

Foul weather:

In extreme weather it is possible for the tent to be damaged or blown down. In these circumstances, it is advisable to lower the tent to the ground and weight it down with some heavy rocks. Do this by dismantling the poles from the inside and letting the fabric drop. Don't remove any guys. Place rocks on top (carefully so as not to tear the fabric).

This kind of event is rare, though. The tent is robust and will stand up to most rough weather.

Cooker:

When connecting the cooker pipe to the tank (a spanner is provided) do not over-tighten the nut as it can damage the seal. Tip: this fitting has a reverse thread. So to tighten it you need to turn it anti-clockwise and to loosen it turn it clockwise. (This is opposite to the usual kind of screw fittings.)



Turn off gas at the tank when cooking is finished.

Empty gas tanks can be exchanged for full ones at many N1 gas stations.