**To Clean a tent with mold/mildew, the following process is recommended. Note: permission must be obtained from the Troop 42 Equipment Coordinator (adult committee position) in advance, and this process must be completed under adult supervision to avoid permanent damage to the tent.**

**Things You’ll Need:**

* Nonabrasive sponge
* Nondetergent soap (technical fabric cleaner)
* Waterproof tent sealer
* 1 cup lime juice
* 1 cup salt
* Water

# Clean the Tent

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| **Step 1** | Set up the tent in a dry place. This may be farther down the trail after rain has stopped or in your backyard after your camping trip. |
| **Step 2** | Mix a nondetergent cleaner, preferably one designated for technical fabrics, with water according to the directions on the container. |
| **Step 3** | Scrub the tent walls with the sponge and solution. This may not kill the mildew in the most visible places, but may kill any spores that are not visible on the tent yet. |

# Soak the Tent

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| **Step 1** | Mix a small amount of the cleaner with 20 gallons of water in a bathtub.About 1 oz. of cleaner should be adequate, but consult the instructions on the cleaner's container to be sure. |
| **Step 2** | Soak the entire tent in the bathtub. Swirl the tent gently with your hands to ensure all parts of the tent are affected by the cleaner. After swirlingthe tent, remove it from the bathtub. |
| **Step 3** | Hang the tent to dry. When the tent is halfway dry, set it up in the shadeand allow it to dry completely. |

# Spot Treat Mildew Stains

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| **Step 1** | Apply the technical fabric cleaner directly to the mildew spots on thetent walls and scrub with the sponge. Set the tent up in a shaded areaand allow to dry. |
| **Step 2** | Mix 1 cup salt, 1 cup lime juice and 1 gallon of water. |
| **Step 3** | Scrub the mildew stains with the solution and allow the tent to dry. |

# Repair Damaged Areas

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| **Step 1** | Remove peeling portions of the waterproof coating from the tent wallsuntil the fabric is smooth. |
| **Step 2** | Apply waterproof tent sealer to the damaged areas. Evenly coat the areawith the sealer. |
| **Step 3** | Allow the tent to dry. |