



Renting a Commercial or Party Tent: Will Your Site Make the Grade?

Whether it's an open field, parking lot, backyard or a designated event site there are some considerations to keep in mind if you're planning to set up a large tent. Here are tips to help you decide and create a great site.

1. Go High and Dry

The ideal spot for a tent is on high, level ground. But it's not always available. You should, however, plan for the possibility of rain. Therefore, you should pick a location where rain will not collect. Check the site location after a rainstorm to see if any puddles remain. Most tent rental companies set tents a day or two in advance of your event, which will help to keep the area dry if you get a few rain showers before the big day. But if your location is in a low area that collects run off water, no tent can keep the ground from getting soggy.

2. Go with fully grassed areas, pavement or gravel - not rough, undeveloped soil or ungrouted fields.



NEVER ATTEMPT TO INSTALL A TENT ON AN UNEVEN, ROUGH, MUDDY OR UNPREPARED SITE! This will likely cause your disappointment! Flooring and carpeting requires a flat, even surface to build upon. Pavement usually works great with minimal preparation, but installation on soil (or grass) has many more. Prior grading and leveling may be required and often takes a month or more for enough grass to re-grow. Grass cutting similar to a golf course fairway or green is needed depending upon the

type of flooring to be installed. Just going out into a field and cutting down the tall growth once will result in a lumpy, uneven, rough surface that will not feel comfortable. A vinyl tarp must be installed over the area where flooring or carpeting is to be installed and another placed over the flooring or carpeting when not in use to protect it from the weather if it is not completely under cover. Make sure this happens --- you are responsible for damage, including cleaning costs to the flooring and carpeting. Flooring is expensive to rent, so do not let lack of proper site preparation cause your installation to fail.

3. Keep the Lines Clear

Depending on the type of tent you select you'll need anywhere from 15' to 25' of "air space" to accommodate to the tent. Your site location will need to be free of electric, cable and phone lines. Low hanging trees could also pose a problem. Buried lines and sprinklers need to be located.

4. Keep it Level

While looking for a dry spot, you'll want to stay away from steeply sloped sites. It is awkward, if not dangerous to have tables and chairs set up on a steep slope. If you're must "work with what you have" Amerevent can erect a full floor under the tent to eliminate the slope and keep guests safe. A gradual slope is fine and 10-ft side poles instead of the normal 8-ft can be used to raise the height of the tent so all guests can see the view.



5. Give Your Guests Some Relief



While your site may be perfect for a tent, make sure is adequate parking and restroom facilities nearby parking for all guests. Beautiful portable restrooms are available as well as standard porta-potties, but plan it out so a truck can get the equipment to the spot you'd like it.

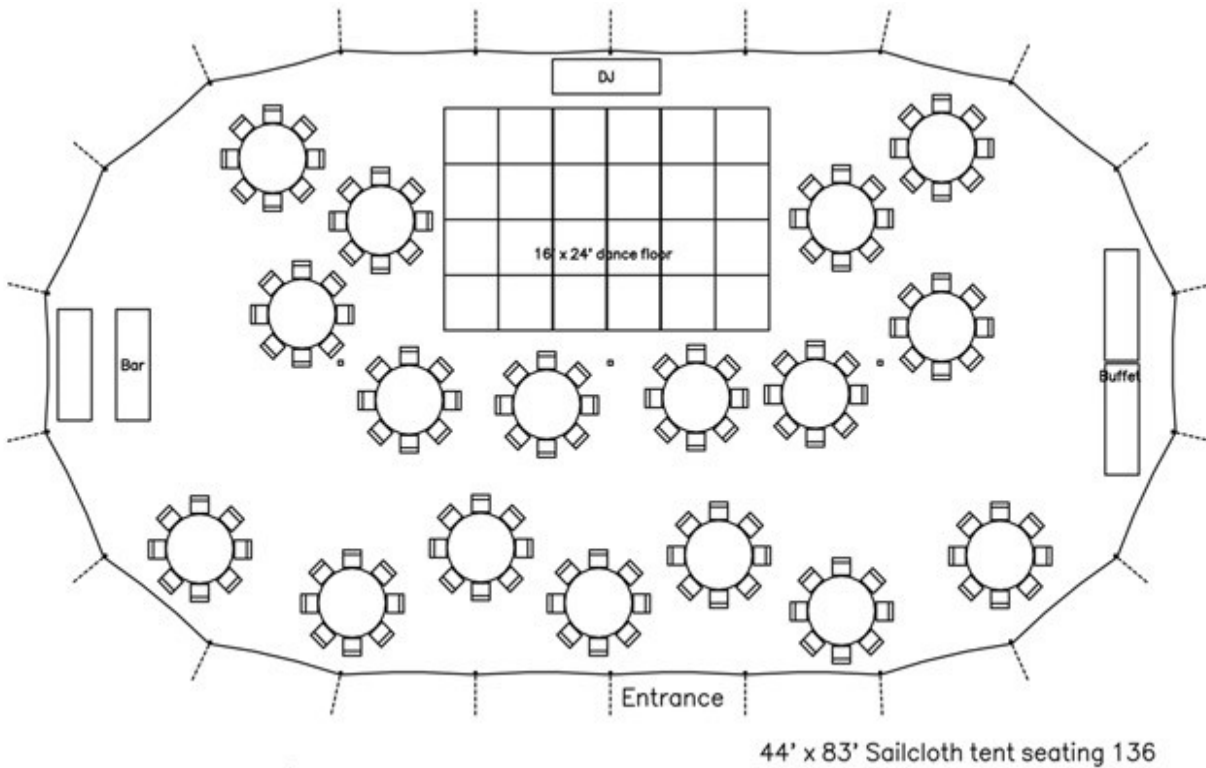
6. Power and Light-Up Your Event

Power for lighting, air conditioning, sound equipment and catering equipment is an integral part of most events. While Amerevent has generators capable of powering dozens of homes at a time, it is often simpler and less expensive to do a temporary connection to an existing meter or breaker box on site. When available it is less expensive, quieter and more reliable than any other option. Formal and informal lighting for both inside and outside your tent can make sure your party continues throughout the night!



7. Give Your Guests Some Room to Move

You might love your backyard, but if it can't accommodate the appropriate tent size you may need to rethink your plan. Tent size depends not only on the number of guests but also on its purpose. For example, a 30' x 30' tent that holds 140 guests for cocktails can comfortably seat only half that number for dinner (and leaves scant room for buffet stations and dancing).



A general formula to follow: Allow a minimum of 12 square feet per person seated at round tables, ten square feet at rectangular tables, and six square feet for cocktails or for ceremony seating. Then figure in the square footage of any extras like the cake table, buffet tables, bar, space of a DJ or band and dance floor.

8. Final Tip: Work With Amerevent To Get You Plan Perfect!

Working with a tent rental provider or event planner makes planning your event much easier. He or she will meet with you at the location you're considering, review all the factors discussed above, take measurements, ask you lots of questions about the event, and then create a floor plan that puts it all together, on paper. We want you to love your event!



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