



# Safe Use and Maintenance Instructions for Woodsman's Awnings

# **Safety Advice**

- Do not put up your Awning in extremely bad weather i.e. strong winds, heavy rain or snow. If you have put up the Awning already, be sure to evacuate it.
- In the case of strong wind, it is your responsibility to secure the tent adequately and prevent it from injuring materials and people.
- Your tent is intended as a temporary form of coverage. It is to be used on an occasional and non-permanent basis only.
- When it rains, a risk emerges that water pile up on the roof of your tent and causes the tent to collapse. It is your responsibility to keep the roof cover free of water. Be sure that it is fully extended and please remove standing water that builds up during rainfall.
- When it snows, a risk emerges that snow pile up on the roof of your tent. Heavy snow may cause the tent to collapse. It is your responsibility to remove snow from the roof of your tent and save your tent from damage.
- Please be sure that your tent is completely dry before you take it down and pack it up. This will prevent mould and mildew.
- Please note that the Canvas Awning Company warranty applies only to the normal use of the product in accordance with written instructions printed and on our website. The warranty does not cover normal wear and tear. Neither does it cover damage, defect, wear and tear caused by misuse, poor maintenance, abuse, unauthorized modification or exposure to bad weather conditions.

### Storing your Woodsman's Awning -

The key here is to keep everything dry!

It's important that all the components of the Awning are put away dry and stored in a completely dry place. Moisture – such as canvas being put away when slightly damp – can cause mildew and rot to your Awning. Poles left outside will deteriorate and discolour.

Store your Awning poles in a dry shed or outdoor building.

As the poles are made with green wood and have been dried out out-of-doors, bringing them into a warm house for storage may cause shrinkage and cracking in the wood.

## Caring for your Woodsman's Awning -

To maintain the wooden poles of your Awning. This is cheap, quick and easy and really worth it!

Remove any dirt and dust (wipe back or clean with a scouring pad if necessary) Make sure poles are dry

Use a soft cloth/rag to apply raw linseed oil mixed with white spirit. Ratio 4:1 Repeat this process every 6 months when in regular use. This will keep the poles supple and protected.

#### Please note -

These Awnings are designed as temporary structures. To keep them in good condition they should be used and then taken down and stored correctly.

If you are leaving your Awning up for longer periods of time (over two weeks) in wet/damp conditions, the woodwork will require extra maintenance – application of linseed oil – to avoid discolouration.