

Taking care of your pack is super important - after all, it does store and protect all of your gear while you're on the move. Mountain Designs recommends the following care instructions:

CLEANING YOUR PACK

- Remove all your gear from the pack, and then shake out any loose dirt.
- Scrub the pack down using a soft-bristled brush and a mild liquid detergent with warm water.
 For stubborn stains, let the pack soak in warm water with a mild liquid detergent for a few hours, before scrubbing the stains. Do not use bleach, fabric softener, conditioners or stain removers as they can affect the pack's performance.
- Rinse thoroughly to ensure all detergent is removed.
- Hang your pack in a cool, dry place out of direct sunlight. Do not use a direct heat source (such as fire), as this might damage the fabrics even without catching fire.
- Do not tumble dry, dry clean or iron your pack.

WATERPROOFING YOUR PACK

- Canvas and nylon packs can be water repellent.
 However, water may still be able to seep through seams or zippers in a heavy downpour.
- Water Repellent Product: To improve the water proofness of the fabric, apply a water repellent product.
- Pack Cover: Pack covers are like a shower cap for your pack. They have an elastic hem that hugs the outside of the pack and keeps it dry.
- Pack Liner: A pack liner is simply a large bag that acts as an internal shield/extra waterproof barrier to keep your gear dry inside.
- Dry Bags: Dry bags are similar to a pack liner, a dry bag will keep your items dry and protected.

CLEANING YOUR PACK (REMOVING MOULD)

- Mould can occur if you store the pack when it is still wet.
- To remove mould start by soaking your pack in warm water with a diluted solution of antiseptic or a specialised mould remover.
- Gently scrub the pack with a soft-bristled brush. You may need to use a lot of elbow grease to remove the mould.
- Rinse the pack until it is clean. White vinegar may be added to the rinse water as it helps to prevent the return of mould.

STORING YOUR PACK

- Store your pack in a cool, dry place away from pests that could get inside. Ensure it is completely dry before you store it. An ideal storage solution is inside a cardboard box with air holes in a well-ventilated place.
- If you live in a humid climate, we recommend storing your pack with silica or a similar product to manage moisture.
- Avoid storing near concrete as the moisture and chemicals in concrete can damage the fabrics.

GENERAL TIPS & NOTES

 When your pack gets dirty or wet, clean and dry it as soon as possible after use to avoid mould, stains and odours from building up.