

## Pole vs. Frame Tents

If you are not sure what the difference is between a pole vs. frame tent, don't worry – you're not the only one! It is one of the most commonly asked questions. If you have additional questions after reviewing this document, please contact our office and a member of our team will be happy to answer any additional questions you may have.

### Pole Tents:

- ✔ Set center pole that extends all the way to the ground (**Figure 1**)
- ✔ Able to be staked into grass or asphalt
  - Asphalt plugs will be used if staked into asphalt.
- ✔ Concrete blocks are NOT able to be used on pole tents.
- ✔ Requires an extra ten feet around the tent structure
  - ex: 20'x30' tent would need a 30'x40' area
- ✔ Sides are seven feet high
  - exception is the 60' wide pole tent –sides are eight feet high
- ✔ 30' and 40' wide pole tents are twenty-one feet to the peak. 60' wide pole tents are twenty five feet to the peak.

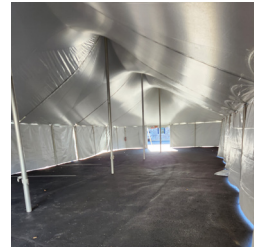


Figure 1

### Frame Tents:

- ✔ Center pole is held up by cables so it does not go all the way to the ground (**Figure 2**)
  - Exception to this includes: 40'x40', 40'x60', 40'x80', 40'x100' and 40'x120'
  - Frame tent sizes listed above will have a pole in the middle coming down to the ground because there will be at least two tents put together in order to form a larger tent.
- ✔ Able to be staked into grass, staked into asphalt or use concrete anchors.
- ✔ Concrete blocks are able to be used if staking is not an option.
  - Concrete blocks are 700 pounds each with the exception of 10'x10' and 10'x20' that require 350 pound concrete blocks.
  - Amount of concrete blocks are determined by the size of tent and if sidewalls are added.
  - Concrete block covers are offered and popular for various events. (**Figure 3**)
- ✔ Requires an extra five feet around the tent structure
  - ex: 20'x20' tent would need a 25'x25' area
- ✔ Sides are nine feet, six inches high (exception is a 10'x10' frame tent – sides are eight feet high)
- ✔ Frame tents are eighteen feet to the peak
  - exception 10'x10' and 10'x20' because those require shorter legs



Figure 2



Figure 3