



Sides are used for the following:

Positives

- To retain heat in the tent (provided by a heater in cooler months)
- Crowd control: to direct entrances or to keep people out without tickets.
- Privacy
- Hiding unpleasant scenery in the tent area i.e. construction, compost, etc.
As a backdrop: for musicians, a DJ, or a buffet (especially if it is close to the edge of the tent for example and its damp or misty)

Negatives

- Covers up gardens and pleasant surroundings
- Creates the feeling of a smaller tented area
(Tent must be larger to accommodate any given group to feel spacious when side are used)
- Causes the tent to be hotter in summer uses
- Obstacles to free movement, socialization, and conversation
- High winds will push sides into guests, buffet tables

Sides can be fastened down and/or secured to legs of tent for additional cost

Rain control – Many people feel that sides are needed to provide rain protection. In fact rain will not enter the tent unless pushed by high winds. Sides provide little to no additional protection from rain, tent should not be undersized for the number of guests. Sides are much like curtains, not fastened at the bottom.

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