Yeti Wash & Care Pack

At Yeti we are proud to be specialists in down – a natural product, which is very durable. But only if you take proper care of it. Therefore we have created this special Wash & Care Kit for you...

Why care?

Down will only perform well in its natural crystal shaped state. Due to extended use and the exposure to perspiration and other external influences the down will be affected and needs to be revitalized to maintain an optimum performance level. The fabrics creating the shell and lining will also eventually build up dirt or perspiration to a level where that also needs washing.

When to care

Most Yeti down products are designed to be machine washable, but please check the care label for individual instructions.
DO NOT MACHINE WASH YOUR YETI TOO OFTEN!

Dirty?
When the surface of your Yeti is dirty, just wipe it with a wet wipe or a moist cloth.

Smelly?
When your Yeti smells from smoke, tobacco or other strong smells you can often remove it by simply hanging it out in the fresh air overnight.

Damp?
When your Yeti is moist or damp, just hang it to dry – but if really wet, then hang it near or on a low level heating source for a while. Alternatively you can use a tumble dryer – follow the instructions in the tumble drying section described in this folder.

How to care
You can either choose to wash your Yeti in a machine or by hand, but when drying you should always use a machine tumble dryer, as it is almost impossible to regain the full properties of down without.
Wash in a washing machine

As a basic rule you can wash Yeti down products in a washing machine at low temperature (max 30°C). But it is only recommended with side loaded machines – not top loaded.

1. Empty all pockets and ensure that zippers and buttons are closed

2. If you have a Yeti storage bag*, use this as a wash bag; Put the Yeti down product inside the wash bag. Pull the strap securely tight and put the remaining part of the pull cord inside the bag as well. (You can also proceed without the washbag, but we recommend using this to protect your Yeti product better from the mechanical treatment)

3. Place the bag in the machine. It is recommended to wash the product on its own, but you can add a few more similar items, still allowing space for movement in the machine.

DO NOT OVERFILL!
4. Remove all detergent build up from the detergent dispenser and shake the Yeti down soap bottle well. Add the Yeti detergent in the soap compartment of the washing machine (30-50 ml depending on the size of the product).

NEVER USE ENZYME BASED DETERGENTS FOR DOWN as this will damage the down beyond repair

5. Set the wash cycle to low rotation (down or wool programme) and start the machine.

6. Once complete, remove the product from the washing machine. Do not be alarmed, that your product now appears to be in a very strange shape. The down has simply joined together and collapsed in its present wet condition. Just pull the product out into its original flat form and lay it out on a table

*even though you can wash and dry your Yeti down product without the wash bag it is highly recommended to use it for better protecting the product. Please note that for large products you may need a larger wash bag, but this can be ordered from your Yeti dealer.Yeti storage bag: Size M, Item no.: 658, Size L, Item no.: 659,
Dry in a tumble dryer

1. Place the product in a tumble dryer WITH the 3 Yeti tennisballs. The tennis balls are vital to give sufficient mechanical movement to re-establish the down shape and placement in the chambers.

2. Set the Tumble dryer program to low heat and low speed (often down or wool program). Start with a 30 minute cycle. The process can sound very noisy, you can add a few tea towels to absorb some of this. But do not overfill. The Yeti down product must have room to regain its volume.

3. After this take out the product and evaluate its condition, you can repeat the process as described above until its dry. Only when it is completely dry and fluffy hang the product on a regular coat hanger in a dry location for the down to cool off and relax to regain its optimum state.

After tumble drying it is recommended to air item(s) – eg on a regular coat hanger – for at least one day in a warm and dry location prior to packing away.
Wash by Hand

You can also choose to hand wash your Yeti by following these instructions:

1. Immerse item(s) in hand-warm water in bowl or bath
2. Use 30-50 ml for clothing – and 75 ml for sleeping bags*
3. Agitate to mix, leave to soak for 5-10 minutes, then agitate thoroughly
4. Rinse clothing in cold water until water runs clear. For sleeping bags repeat rinsing process, drain and gently press bag to expel water
5. To remove excess water preferably transfer item(s) to a washing machine and run multiple spin cycles, each time incrementally increasing the spin speed

*Heavy filled down sleeping bags (below -2° C) should be professionally treated. Contact your Yeti dealer.
Dry by hand
As it requires excessive mechanical treatment to unfold the down clusters back to their normal state it is not recommended to dry by hand. Use a machine tumble dryer and follow the instructions in our guidelines.

General care
To maintain your Yeti down product best possible, down should be stored uncompressed as this is its natural state. Therefore we recommend you to only compress down for shorter periods of time.

During a season of usage, we strongly advise to air it under dry conditions. This will allow for the down to breathe and refresh.
Warning!

If you use a non-down washing liquid your Yeti product might be ruined as conventional laundry detergents leave behind a water attractive (hydrophilic) residue on both the outer fabric and the down fill which masks Durable Water Repellency (DWR).

This causes the fabric and down to absorb water reducing loft and insulation. Furthermore enzyme based detergents will destroy the down clusters beyond repair.
Yeti repair tape

If your Yeti is torn we can in most cases replace the chamber making it as good as new. But as a quick fix before handing in your Yeti, we have included a small transparent repair tape which will adopt the colour of your product. This is how you use it...

1. Spot clean the area and let it dry thoroughly
2. Cut out a piece that extends minimum 1 cm around the tear. It is recommended to avoid sharp corners, so try to make a rounded shape
3. Place your Yeti on a flat table and try to remove down away from the tear so only fabric is visible
4. Remove the paper on the back and attach the tape on the tear. Apply controlled pressure and squeeze from center and out any air bubbles that may have arised.

5. The durability of the quick fix depends on the exposed area and type of usage.

Yeti Repair Service

In case of a major breakage or damage to your Yeti product, we offer in house original repair service. Contact your Yeti dealer and we will be delighted to offer to care further for your best friend...

Yeti extra zipper pullers

Most of our products are equipped with zipper pullers, but sometimes these needs a replacement due to tear and wear. Therefore we have included a few zipper pullers for easy replacement.
Yeti is a Danish owned outdoor company, founded in the former East Germany in 1983, and since known for producing some of the worlds best down sleeping bags. Yeti is defined by 3 things:

1. **CRYSTAL DOWN™**

   Down is by far the best insulation material, and at Yeti we have built our expertise in down over 30 years of producing down sleeping bags for expeditions exploring the coldest areas of the world. Yeti Crystal Down is high quality European goose down all meeting the Yeti Ethical Down Code.

2. **NEXT TO NOTHING™**

   The secret behind the low weight is the very fine materials we use for the Next To Nothing fabric, which is extremely light, breathable and down proof with an extremely fine and dense weaving. With a diameter of 1/20 of a human hair, 1000 kilometres of this yarn weighs a mere 140 grams.
Most Yeti garments are packable in their left-hand pocket, and can be brought anywhere without taking up much space in your bag. Therefore Yeti is a perfect travel companion. We strive towards the highest possible feel good factor at the lowest possible weight.
What’s inside the Yeti Wash & Care Pack?

- Special Yeti down wash detergent.
- 3 Yeti tennis balls for tumble drying.
- Detailed care instructions.
- Additional tape kit for tear and quick-fix repair.
- New Yeti zipper pullers