

# TARPING UP FOR FALL

Tarps Direct Mini-Guide to Help You Protect Your Stuff

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## The Season for Tarps is Now

The fall tends to be the time that more people buy tarps than any other season. Whether you need to finish a home project before winter, cover your “toys” such as your RVs, campers or boats, or make the fall clean-up of your house & yard, finding the right tarp is important and can save you time and money.

The “tarping up” mini-guide is here to help you with expertise for this busy season.

## What to Consider When Buying a Tarp

Start with these four questions:

- 1) What am I trying to protect/accomplish?
- 2) How long will I need this tarp to be in use?
- 3) Would there be any cost to replace what I'm protecting with this tarp?
- 4) Am I certain this is the right tarp for the job?

## Make Sure You're Making the Right Choice

We want to make sure you don't use a blue economy tarps to protect thousands—or tens of thousands of dollars of your “stuff,” when it only takes one small tear or “wear-through” and you're hoping the damage is covered by your insurance.

Use this guide to help you choose, or call us if you need help.

*“Not everyone will*

*think about the tarp*

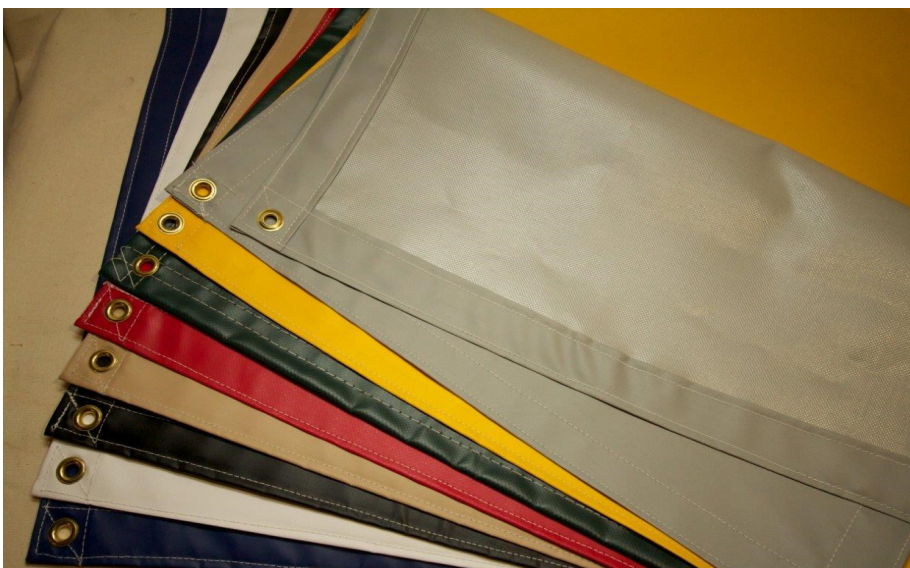
*weight, UV protection,*

*grommet placement or*

*stitching, but we do.”*

*- Doug Harpster*

*President, [Tarps Direct](#)*



We can almost always match color with function when it comes to your tarp needs.

## Featured Tarps

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Use a more economical multi-color mesh tarp or a solid color tarp to match your surroundings. We have several choices & can help you choose.

## Debris Mesh Covers

### **We Recommend: Vinyl Coated Mesh Tarps**

Mesh covers can be a standard or custom cut, and solid or multi-color to match purpose with style when needed. [Vinyl coated mesh tarps](#) are great because you get the benefit and strength of mesh and the added durability of a vinyl coating.

In the fall you may need to cover your pool to keep leaves out before eventually installing your winter cover, or you can position your mesh tarp over the winter cover to catch the debris.

### **Specifications**

The vinyl coated mesh tarps have heat sealed seams with web-reinforced hems and brass grommets in the corners and on all sides that are approximately 24" apart. These coated tarps are a 10 ounce weight with an 11 x 11 weave count that offers fifty (50) percent shade.

### **Also Used for...**

Fences/shade fences, contract work, dump truck covers, trailers, wind breaks, agricultural/garden and industrial applications.



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## Swimming Pool Covers

### **We Recommend: Silver/Black Poly Tarps**

These tarps provide excellent UV protection and block sunlight from getting through which is especially helpful in preventing algae growth in your pool. Our [swimming pool cover tarps](#) are also waterproof and mildew resistant. Either round or rectangular in shape, our pool cover tarps help protect your investment, and we can always specialty cut to fit the specifics of your pool.

### **Specifications**

The heavy-duty 6 ounce Silver/Black or Silver/White polyethylene have a weave count of 14 x 14 with a thickness of 11-12 mil. Double grommets are set every 24 inches around the circumference of the tarp to make securing them easy.

### **Also Used for...**

Spas, fire pits, outdoor furniture and even pitching mound covers



A silver/black poly tarp can protect one of your greatest home assets. Whether you need a cover for your pool, spa or fire pit, we can help you.



# Hunting Tarps

## ***We Recommend:*** **Camouflage Tarps**

For obvious reasons, camo tarps are the choice since they are perfect at concealing you in a tree stand or as a blind. The camo tarp is light weight yet durable enough to help you accomplish almost any outdoor task. Our camo tarps are waterproof and mildew-proof as well as tear and acid resistant, and provide a great pattern to distract game that you are tracking.

### **Specifications**

Constructed of 7-8 mil thick laminated polyethylene with a fabric weave count of 10x10, this is slightly heavier than the standard blue tarp. Grommets are conveniently placed approximately every 24 inches on all four sides, and hems are reinforced with poly twine. This 3.3 ounce tarp is the true outdoorsman tarp.

### **Also Used for...**

Camping tarps & duck blinds



Our camo tarps are sturdy enough to hold up to hunting season weather, yet light enough to carry to a tree stand or deep into the woods.



Our olive green polyester canvas tarps provide a breathable fabric that is waterproof, but doesn't shrink or bleed.

## Breathable Covers

### ***We Recommend:*** **Polyester Canvas Tarps**

You may need protection that allows what you are covering to "breathe." Outdoor equipment, outdoor furniture, and even firewood, may suffer from deterioration over time, and standard poly and vinyl can trap moisture underneath that can damage your possessions. Polyester canvas tarps can fill this need.

### **Specifications**

Our 14.5 ounce polyester canvas tarps are coated with a high quality silicone that creates a waterproof barrier without the odor, color bleeding and shrinkage that comes with traditional cotton canvas. The seams are hemmed and not heat welded, so moisture will only pass through the stitching. For a modern take on canvas, Polyester canvas is the way to go. Color limited to olive green presently.

### **Also Used for...**

Truck & boat storage covers, equipment covers, and duck blinds where "breathability" is a major factor





Silver poly tarps are twice as heavy as the blue economy tarp and include reinforced grommets, UV protection and are waterproof & mildew proof.

## RV/Camper/Boat Tarps

**We Recommend: Silver Poly Tarps**

Your campers, RVs and boats should have limited exposure to the elements, and we want to make sure they're protected. Silver poly tarps are extremely durable and able to be used in a variety of ways from covering outdoor furniture to farm equipment.

[Silver tarps](#) block sunlight due to the black interior mesh construction. Since they block 100% of the sun's rays, silver poly tarps are excellent for providing shading; they are opaque and can be used as canopy tops, as well.

### Specifications

The rectangular silver poly tarp is six ounces per square yard - twice as heavy as a blue "economy" tarp - making it much better protection for your home away from home. They are waterproof, mildew proof, tear and acid resistant. They have an 11-12 mil thickness, 14x14 weave count with grommets approximately every 18".

### Also Used for...

Hay tarps, deck & patio shading or covers, outdoor furniture & equipment and even job-site equipment & materials



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## Wood Pile Tarps

**We Recommend: Super Heavy Duty Brown Poly Tarps**

Many people have their wood piles in exposed areas where the elements can get to them. As a result it's best to give as much protection as possible to the wood and the tarp.

[Super heavy duty brown tarps](#) have the thickness and the UV protection to endure exposure during the fall and winter months. They are aesthetically pleasing in any outdoor environment, and the best tarp for your hardest jobs.

### Specifications

The 8 ounce super heavy duty brown tarps are designed for continuous outdoor use. They are 16 mil thick & coated on both sides to provide waterproofing & UV protection to add extended life. Rustproof grommets every 18" as well as reinforced corners provide ample tie-down locations.

### Also Used for...

Construction, landscaping, farming and commercial needs, as well as the homeowner that needs a long-term solution for protecting important items.



Super heavy duty brown tarps are waterproof and have UV protection to protect your valuable items that may face harsh weather conditions.



# Project & Roof Tarps

## ***We Recommend:*** ***Vinyl Coated*** ***Polyester Tarps***

With so much variability based factors like size, exposure time to the elements and the purpose of your tarp, this choice can go many different ways. [Vinyl coated polyester \(VCP\) tarps](#) are very strong, waterproof and feature a UV treated fabric that is even used in industrial applications.

### **Specifications**

The 18 ounce VCP tarps are 20 mil thick and oil, acid & grease resistant. Some are even fire retardant. However, if you're not 100% sure of which tarp you need, it's best to call us.

We'll help you choose the right tarp for the job, no matter if you need a lightweight/economy blue tarp all the way up to the vinyl coated polyester or super heavy duty brown tarps.

### **Also Used For...**

Canopies, trailer covers, athletic fields, and tents



Vinyl coated polyester tarps provide superior protection and some are even fire retardant. We take the added step of using brass grommets on all of our VCP tarps, making them rust resistant, too.

# Patio & Enclosure Tarps

## ***We Recommend:*** [Clear Vinyl Tarps](#)

A great way to extend your outdoor season or add additional room to your home is to enclose your porches or patios with [clear vinyl tarps](#). Clear vinyl allows for a "clean" sight path while blocking the elements from your space – making a wasted winter space useable all year round.

Customers that experience milder winters can utilize patios for family functions by merely installing our tarps as temporary walls. They also use them as temporary barriers on porches to block wind and snow.

### **Specifications**

The specs will vary, and we can certainly help you determine the right clear vinyl tarp for your enclosure. Different weights are chosen based on your climate region. We stock almost all standard sizes so they are ready to ship, and even custom sizes are available with a short wait time.

### **Also Used for...**

Skylight covers and project/room cover-ups where clear visibility is needed



A variety of clear tarps can be the perfect way to add living space for fall & winter by enclosing your porch or patio. Let us help you decide which tarp is right for you.

# Tarping Up Doesn't End Here

Of course, many other factors or projects could cause you to need a tarp. From [athletic field](#) and [ice rink covers](#) to [privacy mesh](#) and [commercial truck covers](#), we can help you determine the best tarp for your home or business.

In fact, we even have our own fully operational [canopy division](#) that provides standard or customized orders found at [www.harpster-canopies.com](http://www.harpster-canopies.com).

You can trust that when you work with [Tarps Direct](#) you will receive outstanding service coupled with extensive knowledge and expertise to deliver a product that will meet your unique requirements.

## If You Still Have Questions...

Call us and put our 20+ years in the tarp business to work for you.

[Our 40,000 square feet manufacturing and warehouse facility](#) means a fast delivery for you with the ability to customize quickly when you need it.

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