



Why is a company selling cardboard tents? KarTent, a Dutch company, has made tents out of recyclable cardboard but would you go camping in a cardboard tent?

KarTent say that their cardboard tents will block out sunlight, allowing users to get a good night's sleep. They also say they are strong enough to cope with a few days of constant rain!

Another company, Comp-A-Tent, offers compostable tents for music festivals. This means that the tents will decay naturally.

These companies are worried about the environmental impact of people throwing away cheap tents.



After some big events like music festivals, many people camp and then abandon their tents, airbeds and rolled mats. According to the organisers of Glastonbury, a big music festival in England, people left around 5000 tents in 2018! They also say people left around 6500 sleeping bags, 3500 airbeds and 950 rolled mats.

Many are cheap and can cost as little as \$16. Some of them are no longer usable after the festival. Some tents are made of single-use plastic. Environmentalists say that plastic pollution is a big problem. Plastic isn't biodegradable. It can take hundreds of years to break down and can start to build up on huge landfills.

A lot of plastic ends up in the oceans, where animals can mistake it for food and eat it. WWF, an environmental charity, says that 100,000 marine mammals are killed and a million birds die each year from plastic waste.

These environmentally-friendly tents might be one way to help tackle plastic pollution!

The news comes as many countries have banned the sale of certain single-use plastics at future festivals.

They also said that 99.3% of tents at the last Glastonbury festival were taken home - that's nearly every tent!

