

When you're in need for a dependable option to keep your furniture protected over the winter months or keep machinery dry from the elements, or protect others when transporting goods on the road, Harbor Freight has the best choice of tarp for the job. Keep reading to find out more about choosing a tarp that suits your needs.

Poly (Polyethylene) Tarps



If you need a standard tarp for everyday use, a poly tarp is a great option. Made of a woven mesh fabric sandwiched between two or more polyethylene sheets, poly tarps are available in a wide range of colors, sizes, and strengths. You can also find UV-protectant and fire-resistant models.

Poly tarps generally come in three different strengths:

- Light-Duty poly tarps are for temporary use when strength is not necessarily important. They can be used for indoor applications, such as keeping a machine dust-free in your workshop.
- Medium-duty poly tarps are suitable for covering boats, machinery, caravans, or pools.
- Heavy-duty poly tarps are suitable for covering roofs in exposed conditions. They're great for jobs where a heavier tarp is required, such as over a load on the back of a truck.

Additionally, poly tarps come in camouflage patterns for hunting purposes. They can serve as an outside covering for blinds, ATV's / Side By Sides or other areas where a hunter wants to hide. Not only do they hide the hunter, but they also provide protection from the elements. Be sure to look for a model that has UV protection so it won't be damaged by the sun's rays.



Canvas Tarps

Canvas tarps are tough and durable, and they are made of an absorbent material that provides a nonslip surface. Canvas material is not naturally waterproof.



However, it can be treated to become water and/or flame resistant. It is breathable, doesn't trap in condensation or too much heat, and is a long-lasting material when properly maintained.

Canvas is a popular option for covering tools and equipment, and provides UV sun protection.

Mesh Tarps



Mesh tarps provide an excellent source of shade and air circulation. They're ideal for landscaping, providing plants with shade, or covering your dog kennel. You can also use a mesh tarp to cover your truck bed.



PVC (Vinyl) Tarps

If you need an extremely durable option, a PVC tarp is sure to get the job done. With more thickness than a standard poly tarp and excellent wind and tear resistance, a PVC tarp is great for covering tools and machinery, as well as protecting RVs and Boats from the elements.



Environmental Factors

Keep in mind the environment where you'll be using your tarp. For example, **if your tarp will be primarily used outdoors, look for a UV-resistant or UV-treated option.** Additionally, **poly and PVC tarps are both waterproof,** and **PVC tarps provide the best performance in freezing temperatures.**