

HOW TO DEAL WITH OUTDOOR WEDDING DISASTERS



Extreme heat

- Have the caterer serve all refrigerated items immediately. Do not be concerned about mixing up traditional courses such as dessert, dinner, and appetizers. Serve ice cream and fish first and save bread, crackers, and other nonperishables for last.
- Soak napkins in ice water and wear as headbands, neck wraps, or hats.
- Remove nonessential clothing.



Extreme cold

- Tell guests to huddle together to use body heat to stay warm. Cram additional guests into each row of seats or table. Place children on laps of adults for additional heat source.
- Pass out candles in glass globes. Guests can hold the globe as a hand warmer, passing it along after a few moments.



Rain with no tent

- Make a paper hat. Take a wedding program and orient it in front of you as you would to read it. Turn it 90 degrees so that the bound part is on top and the open part is on the bottom. Take the top

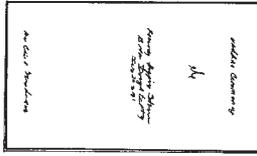
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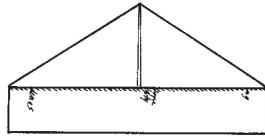
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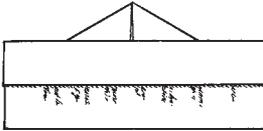
Paper Hat



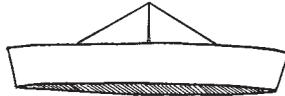
Obtain program.



Fold corners.



Fold. Flip. Repeat.



Open.

two corners of the program and fold them into the middle. Now take the bottom flap and fold up once or twice. Turn “hat” over and turn up the other page once or twice. You now have a “Napoleon” style paper hat. Perch it delicately on your head to keep the water off your face.

- Have the groomsmen pick up the aisle runner and hold it over the heads of the bride, groom, and officiant as a canopy.
- Instruct guests to take off their jackets and hold them over their heads as makeshift umbrellas.



Swarm of insects

- Grind up garlic, mix with water, and spray flying insects to repel them. Kill mosquitoes by spraying them with catnip oil. To stop invasions of ants, grind citrus peels and mix with water, then dump on hill.
- Instruct guests or members of the wedding party wearing yellow to change the color of their clothes. Likewise, guests wearing citrus-infused perfumes and colognes should wash them off. Bumblebees are attracted to the color yellow and the odor of citrus.
- Build a yellow-jacket trap. Find a two-liter bottle and cut off the top several inches. Invert the top and place it into the bottle. Staple the pieces together for added security. Find a sweet-smelling liquid (orange soda, vanilla soda, root beer, lemonade) and pour five ounces into the bottle as a lure. The yellow jackets will fly in but won't be able to escape.
- Place sweet-smelling strips of fabric softener on tables to repel insects.

Be Aware

If you are not completely comfortable with the possibility of storms, infestations, floods, and other extreme weather, plan an indoor wedding.