

# Gear After-Care Instructions

## The Mountaineers Gear Library

We hope you had a great outing with your rental gear! **All gear should be returned dry and in good working condition.** With the exception of soft goods like clothing and sleeping bag liners, you are expected to clean items before returning. See below for item-specific cleaning instructions.

Please return gear during your scheduled appointment. We will schedule your gear return during your pick-up appointment. If you need to make changes to your gear return time, please email [gearlibrary@mountaineers.org](mailto:gearlibrary@mountaineers.org).

ALL ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Return dry.</li><li>• With the exception of soft goods, return clean.</li><li>• Return in bag provided, if applicable.</li><li>• Follow any item-specific cleaning/care instructions listed below.</li><li>• Let us know about any damage or if an item didn't work as expected.</li></ul>
In addition to the above, please follow any item-specific instructions:	
Backpacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empty all trash and personal belongings.</li></ul>
Bear Canisters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empty all trash and personal belongings.</li><li>• Leave lid off to air out any smells.</li></ul>
Clothing & Clothing Accessories <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rain Jackets/Pants</li><li>• Insulated/Fleece Jackets</li><li>• Base Layer Tops/Bottoms</li><li>• Hats/Gloves/Socks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empty pockets of trash.</li><li>• Clip, tie, or roll gloves and socks in pairs.</li><li>• The Mountaineers will wash all base layer items in-house.</li></ul>
Cooler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using any type of cleaning spray, please wipe down all surfaces on the cooler, especially the inside.</li><li>• Leave lid open to air out inside after cleaning.</li></ul>
Dry Bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empty all trash and personal belongings.</li></ul>
First Aid Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Let us know if you used any items from the kit.</li></ul>
Headlamps & Lanterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Let us know if the headlamp was getting dim or needs new batteries.</li></ul>

Hiking Boots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Knock or wipe off all dirt.</li> <li>● Tie laces together so boots are in pairs.</li> </ul>
Kitchen/Cooking Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mess Kits</li> <li>● Pots/Pans</li> <li>● Utensils</li> <li>● Water Bottles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hand wash or run through a dishwasher when you get home.</li> <li>● <b>Return completely dry.</b></li> </ul>
Microspikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Knock or wipe off all dirt.</li> <li>● Pair together and put back in their bag.</li> </ul>
Sleeping Bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Return completely dry.</b></li> <li>● Once home, air out overnight before stuffing back in sack.</li> <li>● If renting for more than 1 week, store in larger drawstring bag at home.</li> </ul>
Sleeping Bag Liners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stuff back in sack.</li> <li>● The Mountaineers will wash in-house.</li> </ul>
Sleeping Pads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Inflatable Sleeping Pads</li> <li>● Foam Sleeping Pads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Return completely dry.</b></li> <li>● Return inflatable pads to the stuff sack.</li> </ul>
Stoves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2-Burner Propane Stove</li> <li>● Backpacking Stove</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Using any type of cleaning spray, wipe down all surfaces of the stove when you get home.</li> </ul>
Tents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Return completely dry.</b></li> <li>● Shake or sweep out the tent before taking down at campsite to remove all the dirt from interior.</li> <li>● Once at home, set up or hang up to ensure the tent is fully dry.</li> <li>● Remove any personal items from tent pockets.</li> <li>● Pack all parts back into the tent bag once it is dry.</li> </ul>
Trekking Poles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If poles get wet (ex: after hiking in snow or rain), please let them dry extended. If they dry compressed, they get sticky and become difficult to open.</li> </ul>
Water Cube Water Bottle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Water bottles should be hand washed or run through a dishwasher when you get home.</li> <li>● <b>Please allow to air dry by hanging with the cap unscrewed and bottle facing downwards.</b></li> </ul>
Water Filter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gravity Water Filter</li> <li>● Water Filter Pump</li> </ul>	Gravity Filter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On trip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Follow directions for backflushing in the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">product manual</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After trip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Backflush filter once at home before returning.</li> <li>○ If filter is running slowly after backflushing at home, please let us know.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Katadyn Pocket Filter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After trip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unscrew the base of the filter to remove the ceramic element.</li> <li>○ Scrub all debris off of the filter using scrubber provided in filter bag.</li> <li>○ Make sure dirty unfiltered water does not touch filter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <a href="#">Link to manual</a>.</li> </ul> <p>PUR Hiker Microfilter (Katadyn)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After trip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Remove filter by unscrewing blue cap.</li> <li>○ Swish around in the inner filter in clean water.</li> <li>○ Allow to air dry.</li> <li>○ Reference part 10 of the <a href="#">product manual</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
XC Ski Boots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Knock or wipe off all dirt.</li> <li>● Tie laces together so boots are in pairs.</li> </ul>
XC Skis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Knock or wipe off all dirt.</li> <li>● Tie laces together so boots are in pairs.</li> </ul>
Snowshoes Crampons Micro-spikes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Return completely dry.</b></li> <li>● To completely dry, please take them out of any bins or bags. Snow and water pools up in containers and can rust the metal components.</li> </ul>

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