

# Toptex Frequently Asked Question's



## **Are Toptex sheets completely waterproof?**

Toptex sheets are water shedding when fixed at an angle of 45 degrees or more. Whilst you may find there is some dampness to the sheets, the breathable material allows for air to flow out of the sheet and prevent 'sweating' meaning dry bales underneath.

## **How many fixings do I require for my sheet?**

Please consult our handy guide showing the recommended number of fixings per sheet.

## **I live in a very windy area; will my sheet blow away?**

Provided the sheets are fixed with at least the recommended number of fixings and your stack is orientated facing the principal wind direction; even in extreme weather events, the sheets will stay fixed down. They will not catch like a tarpaulin as there are microscopic holes that allow air to pass through the sheet.

## **Are there pre-made holes where I should place the fixing pins?**

No, the pins are pushed straight through the material, into the bale below. The material is fleece-like so any holes created with pins can be covered back up again by rubbing the sheet together between your fingers. To ensure prolonged usage, try to use the same holes created on previous use.

## **Can I use more than the recommended number of pins?**

Yes, this is no problem, if you would like further peace of mind for fixing the sheet down, there is no issue with using more fixings. Most importantly, fixings should be at the bottom of the sheet and the sheet should appear nice and taught with no creases.

## **Will Toptex sheets work on square bales?**

Yes, provided the stack allows for the sheet to be orientated at an angle of 45 degrees or more. There must not be any flat areas on the sheet where water can pool up. A lot of customers will create a square stack and then place a line of round bales or barrels on top to allow for the ideal ^ shape to the stack. Please consult our stacking guide for an example of how to stack square bales with Toptex sheets.

## **Can I put more than one sheet on a stack, overlapping?**

Yes, sheets can be overlapped, we would recommend more fixings along the join to ensure wind cannot enter the stack where the two sheets meet. This is the only instance where fixings can be higher up on the sheet, at the overlap.

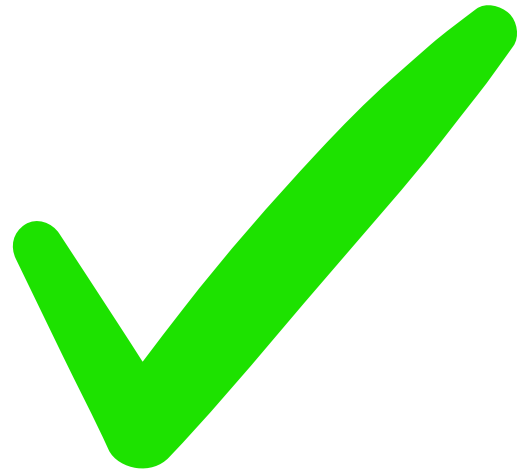
## **Can I use my own fixings?**

Yes, provided that the sheet is tensioned so there are no ripples or flat areas. However, we would always recommend using official Toptex Fixings as they are purpose built for the sheets.

## **Should I put my stack on top of pallets?**

Yes, this is the most ideal way to store your hay/straw when using Toptex sheets. It allows for protection at the bottom of the stack from excess groundwater when there is heavy rain. Remember, water will run off the sheet, it's important to remember this when positioning your stack.

# Toptex Sheet Placement



Ideal placement – High angle and sheet is highly tensioned



Not good sheet placement – lots of flat areas where water can pool up.

