

NIKWAX
OUTDOOR INNOVATION



Aftercare Guide

How to extend the life and enhance
the performance of your outdoor gear.



This guide will help you select the best
Nikwax products to care for your gear.

HIGH PERFORMANCE | LOW IMPACT



Why choose Nikwax?

All Nikwax aftercare products are easy to use, safer for you and the environment, and will ensure you stay dry and comfortable whatever the weather.

Nikwax products are PFC-free and water-based; we have never used aerosols and products do not need heat activation to work. Our bottles are made of 100% recycled plastic and are recyclable.



Since 1977...

Nikwax was founded in 1977 by Nick Brown, a keen mountain walker and traveller, who designed his own product – a waterproofing wax - to keep his leather mountain boots dry. Subsequently, Nikwax has become the global leader in PFC-free aftercare and waterproofing solutions that extend the life and performance of technical footwear, clothing and equipment. Nikwax care products are distributed in over 40 countries.

Employee Owned...

In February 2022, founder of Nikwax and Páramo, Nick Brown, handed over the ownership of the companies to their employees, in the form of an Employee Ownership Trust. The Trust is called GearForm®, and all employees became Partners in the company.

Awards

Nikwax has won numerous awards including the prestigious Queen's Award for Sustainable Development, one of only several companies to receive this pinnacle award for sustainable business. Other awards include Sunday Times Best Green Award and the Green Apple Award.





Waterproofing



Most waterproof outdoor clothing, footwear and gear has a coating on the outside called a 'Durable Water Repellent' finish, or DWR. This finish helps water bead off your jacket. Over time, it can get dirty and this is when your gear can 'wet out'. The fabric soaks up water and the breathability is reduced, causing you to get wet from the inside, as well as letting water through from the outside.

The DWR and breathability of your waterproof clothing, footwear and gear can be restored by cleaning and waterproofing with the Nikwax aftercare range.

Each product can easily be identified by the colour of its cap:

Green for cleaning

Gear should always be cleaned before it is proofed. Household detergents can damage the DWR, but our cleaners remove dirt whilst reviving DWR.

Purple for proofing

Our waterproofing products add DWR and revive breathability. They last for several washes and do not need to be applied every time you clean with a Nikwax product.



Sweatproofing



Nikwax Sweatproofing products improve the performance of next-to-skin clothing, by eliminating odours and making fabrics dry faster, so you stay fresher for longer. These products keep you cooler in warm conditions, warmer in cold conditions, and smelling better whatever the weather.

This range is especially good for gym users, cyclists, runners, and those doing team sports.



SCAN THE QR CODES FOR PRODUCT INFORMATION
AND HOW TO VIDEOS OR VISIT: [NIKWAX.COM](https://www.nikwax.com)
[YOUTUBE.COM/NIKWAXGLOBAL](https://www.youtube.com/nikwaxglobal)



Tech Wash®/TX.Direct®

For cleaning and waterproofing outdoor gear

The complete care system for thoroughly cleaning, enhancing water repellency, and revitalising the breathability of wet weather clothing.

Tech Wash cleans, restores water repellency and revives breathability of your outdoor clothing and synthetic sleeping bags.

TX.Direct is an easy to use, high performance waterproofer which adds water repellency and revives breathability without tumble drying.

Together they enhance the performance of your gear, keeping you warmer and drier.

Recommended for

Gore-Tex®, Sympatex®, eVent®, Nikwax Analogy® and all other waterproof fabrics.



How to use





Down Wash.Direct®/Down Proof

For cleaning and waterproofing down clothing and gear

The complete care system for thoroughly cleaning, revitalising insulation and restoring water repellency to down clothing and sleeping bags.

Down Wash.Direct cleans, revitalises insulation and restores water repellency of hydrophobic and regular down clothing and sleeping bags.

Down Proof is an easy to use wash-in waterproofer that adds water repellency and revitalises insulation.

Together they enhance the performance of your down gear, keeping you warmer and drier.

Recommended for

Nikwax Hydrophobic Down, Hydrodown and all other down clothing and sleeping bags.



How to use





Footwear Cleaning Gel/Fabric & Leather Proof

For cleaning and waterproofing footwear

The complete care system for thoroughly cleaning, revitalising breathability and adding water repellency to all combination fabric and leather footwear. Easy to apply by hand and PFC-free.

Footwear Cleaning Gel

cleans effectively, restores water repellency and revives breathability.

Fabric & Leather Proof

adds water repellency and revives breathability without over-softening leather.

Together they revive the performance of your footwear, keeping your feet warmer and drier.

Recommended for Gore-Tex®, Sympatex®, eVent® and all other waterproof footwear.



How to use





Waterproofing Wax for Leather

For waterproofing footwear

High performance waterproofer designed to revitalise breathability and maintain suppleness for all smooth leather items. Easy to apply by hand and PFC-free.

Waterproofing Wax for Leather Cream adds instant water repellency, maintains support and revives breathability. Available in Neutral and Black.

Waterproofing Wax for Leather Liquid adds instant water repellency, maintains support, and revives breathability. Available in Neutral, Black, and Brown.

Enhances the performance of your footwear, keeping your feet warmer and drier.



Recommended for Gore-Tex®, eVent®, Sympatex® and all other waterproof leather footwear.



How to use





Tent & Gear SolarWash® / SolarProof®

For cleaning, waterproofing and UV protection

Tent & Gear products clean and waterproof your outdoor equipment whilst adding UV protection.

Lifts out dirt that can attract water and mask water repellent finishes.

Revitalises water repellency whilst maintaining breathability.

Increases resistance to UV light, prolonging the life of your gear.

Recommended for all synthetic tents and gear.



How to use



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BaseFresh® / BaseWash® / Wool Wash

For cleaning, deodorising and conditioning base layers

BaseFresh - deodorising conditioner.
Makes fabrics dry faster and can be used in a mixed wash with regular detergent.

BaseWash - deodorising cleaner and conditioner.
Cleans, deodorises, makes fabrics dry faster and improves cooling efficiency.

Recommended for all synthetic base layers and next-to-skin wicking clothing.

Wool Wash - deodorising cleaner and conditioner.
Cleans, deodorises and makes wool dry faster.

Recommended for all merino and woollen sports clothing.



How to use



PRODUCT SELECTOR

Clothing & Accessories



- Cleaner
- Waterproofer
- Conditioner

	Tech Wash®	TX.Direct®	SoftShell Proof	Cotton Proof	PolarProof®
Waterproof					
Windproof					
Softshell					
Fleece					
Cotton & polycotton					
Down					
Wool base layers					
Synthetic base layers					
Wax cotton					
Motorcycle leathers					
Gloves (except fleece)					
Fleece gloves					
Motorcycle visors & ski goggles					























Down Wash.Direct®
Down Proof
Wax Cotton Proof
BaseFresh®
BaseWash®
Wool Wash
Leather Cleaner
Leather Restorer
Glove Proof
Visor Proof

PRODUCT SELECTOR

Footwear & Equipment

- Cleaner
- Waterproofer

								
	Footwear Cleaning Gel	Sandal & Sports Shoe Wash	Fabric & Leather Proof	Nubuck & Suede Proof	Waterproofing Wax for Leather	Conditioner for leather	Tech Wash®	TX.Direct®
Fabric & leather shoes/boots								
Nubuck/suede shoes/boots								
Smooth leather shoes/boots								
Sandals								
Running & Climbing shoes								
Synthetic sleeping bags								
Down sleeping bags								
Cotton, polycotton & canvas tents								
Synthetic tents & awnings								
Synthetic rucksacks, camera bags & panniers								
Ski Skins								
Rope								
Horse rugs								
Saddles & tack								



Down Wash.Direct®

Down Proof

Cotton Proof

Tent & Gear SolarWash®

Tent & Gear SolarProof®

Ski Skin Proof

Rope Proof

Rug Wash

Rug Proof

Leather Cleaner

Leather Restorer



"Great products from a company that cares about me, my kit and the planet. What's not to like?" **Mr Button**

Nikwax and the Environment

Nikwax is committed to maximising enjoyment of the great outdoors with minimal environmental impact. We've always had the planet and natural environment at the heart of our values.



Nikwax products have always been made with care for the environment and have always been PFC-free and water-based.



We believe that as a responsible business we have to take action to combat further climate change and its negative impact on the planet and people.



We are an Employee-Owned business and we believe in treating the people we work with fairly and equally.




Nikwax products extend the usable life of outdoor clothing, footwear, and gear. Our bottles are made of 100% recycled plastic and are recyclable.



We have committed to donating 1% of our turnover to ecological and social causes.



We believe that together we achieve more; we work collaboratively within the outdoor industry, sharing our knowledge and expertise.



Nikwax offers a range of aftercare that maintains the performance and extends the life of specialist gear. From gloves, climbing ropes and horse rugs, to crash helmets, visors and skis, Nikwax can help protect you.

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