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SLEEPING BAGS



GREEN WITH ENVY

You can rest easy now knowing that this year's sleeping bags are greener and a better value than ever, offering real worth for less money. By using more sustainable fabrics and fibers, companies have found new ways to make lofty, lightweight, and compressible family bags at affordable prices so everyone's comfortable in camp.

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Featuring Primaloft's new lightweight Infinity continuous filament synthetic fiber, the **Boreal 20** is another example of how synthetic technology is changing from short staple fibers (flexible fibers now used mostly in gloves, shoes, and garments) to continuous fibers in sleeping bags for better loft, compressibility, and durability without clumping or shifting. It also features a DWR-treated 40D nylon ripstop shell that repels spills and tent condensation, a three-quarter length two-way zipper for ventilation, draft tube, ergonomic hood, sleeping pad loops for the optional addition of webbing to secure a sleeping pad as well as webbing foot loops for hanging the bag. **MSRP: \$150. 20F; 2 pounds 9 ounces. EMS: 888/463-6367; ems.com.**

