

Latex

Balloon Hints & Techniques

Inflation: Latex balloons generally inflate to the indicated size. For example, an 11 inch balloon inflates to 11 inches in diameter. Inflate your balloons fully and uniformly. Under inflating balloons with helium reduces their float time and will not make attractive bouquets. Over inflation can cause the balloon to pop. Properly inflated latex will generally have a round or teardrop shape. You do not want a light bulb shape.

Inflation Life: Helium-filled latex have a relatively short “life” and should be inflated just before use. Helium-filled latex should not be inflated any earlier than two hours before the start of an event unless Ultra Hi-Float™ is used.

Ultra Hi-Float™: This clear gel coats the inside of latex balloons, creating a barrier which helps hold in helium. Ultra Hi-Float™ extends the float time of helium-filled latex by as much as 3 weeks.

Oxidation: When displayed outdoors, balloons oxidize more quickly. To keep balloons looking fresh for a longer period of time, use standard or pearl colored balloons rather than jewel-tone colors. Standard and pearl colored balloons are opaque, making the oxidation that occurs less noticeable.

Storage: Proper storage of latex balloons increases the life of your balloons. Keep your latex stored in an air tight container, out of direct sunlight and at room temperature.

Air-filled Latex: These balloons will remain inflated for several days to weeks and can be inflated a day in advance.

Biodegradability: Latex balloons sold by Balloons Everywhere are produced from a liquid extracted from living Hevea trees, and are 100% biodegradable. A latex balloon will biodegrade at about the same rate as an oak leaf.

Popping: Over inflation, exposure to heat, rough surfaces or static electricity in the environment can cause balloons to pop. Under inflating balloons in hot weather or when they will be used outside will allow them to expand without popping.

Releases: Latex balloons that are released into the environment should be hand-tied and not attached to ribbon. If balloons are released within five miles of an airport, clearance needs to be obtained from the FAA. Foil balloons should never be released into the environment.