

Salting Hides For Shipping

Just after salting, hang your cape so the fluids can escape. Never roll them or leave them lay flat. In our opinion, doing so has them soaking in the bacteria you are trying to remove from them, which prevents drying. Prior to boxing, be sure they are dried completely. If they are still somewhat moist you will run the risk of them slipping in the areas that are not completely dry. Double salting is the best insurance you can have for getting a well-tanned cape. Salt and hang them where they can drip dry. The next day, come back and knock the salt off and reapply another coat of salt. Hang again and let dry. A fan or a dehumidifier does a wonderful job in speeding the drying time. Salting is a big factor in the quality of your tanned skin. Letting them dry completely sets the hair and prepares the skin for the tan. Prior to salting, cut or scrape any big chunks of meat off of the cape. Always be sure to turn eyes, ears, nose, and lips completely before salting. Salt will only penetrate 1/4", therefore if you haven't turned completely, or removed the large chunks, the salt will never reach the area it was intended to, leaving it raw and very susceptible to slipping.