

New Year Prep Blog Review

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Prepping is more than stockpiling or having your BOB ready (though these are two important aspects), it's a frame of mind more than anything else.

So if your New Year's resolution was to start prepping, or learn an aspect of preparedness that you've never tried before, we have a list of beginner's guides that will help you with your task.

And while you're at it, let us know what are your resolutions or what do you want to learn this year, in the comments section below.

1. How to Ditch the City and Start a Farm



"Well, it's been nearly 8 months since we gave up our big city-living and moved to the backwoods of Western North Carolina. My husband and I were both raised in large cities, so raising our children the same way just felt normal.

However there always was this itch and this itch just started to grow and grow. It would be in small ways at first...like me traveling hours to visit small farms to let my kids play with the animals or to pick

blueberries.”

Read more on [The Paleo Mama](#).

2. Build a Bug Out Bag for Beginners: How Much Food Should You Pack?



“Would it surprise you to learn food is not your top priority when building a bug out bag?

It sure surprised me. Food was the first thing I packed in my family's bug out bags (or BOBs for short).

Experts can't say exactly how long humans can live without food, but the general consensus is 3 or 4 weeks. So, if BOBs are evacuation kits meant to hold you over for 72 hours until you can get to a safe location, then technically, you don't need to pack any food at all.”

Read more on [Home Ready Home](#).

3. Become More Self-Reliant – Start Here



For the majority of the American population, these terms probably conjure images of '60's hippies, rugged mountain men or perhaps Little House on the Prairie. For me, it's all about simply taking more personal responsibility and control of caring for my family.

I am tired of big corporations and big government dictating my health and food choices. I believe we need, as a country, as communities and as individuals to develop our own resources, not be dependent on some foreign power that may pull the plug at any time."

Read more on [Common Sense Home](http://www.common-sense-home.com/become-more-self-reliant-start-here/).

4. 3 Composting Techniques Everyone Should Know



"We all know by now that composting is important to the environment. It allows natural waste to return to the earth, while adding a nutrient rich material to our gardens. Here is a break down of the top 3 most common techniques for composting for the home gardener.

Hot Composting – Open Bins

Hot composting is the most intensive method, but also the fastest way to get finished compost. It involves building compost piles that have a balance of green material (nitrogen), oxygen, water and brown material."

Read more on [The Garden Love](#).

5. Passive solar for beginners



"One of the benefits of living in the Wild West is our abundant sunshine. An advantage for home builders in Denver is that Colorado averages over 300 sunny days per year; Arizona and New Mexico have even more.

My home here in Colorado is located on the north facing side of a mountain. We have some pretty sweet views of more mountains and the Continental Divide to the west and north of us, but not much potential for passive solar heating."

Read more on [Fox News](#).

6. A Woman's Guide to Chopping Wood



"When I moved to my homestead it had been decades since I'd chopped wood. It was intimidating thinking how much wood I'd need to chop for use in the wood stove. Although I have a propane fired-furnace, I keep the thermostat very low in the winter and supplement with wood stove heat.

Wood stove heat produces a wonderful cozy feeling and doesn't cause stale dry air to get blown around like a forced-air furnace does. Not to mention, I got all the wood for free (money-free that is, I collected it myself in the woods – paid in sweat)."

Read more on [Homestead Mania](#).

7. Rocket Stove for Beginners



"Over the last year we have been entertaining the idea of some kind of permanent outdoor cooking appliance for our back yard. Our choices were between a masonry oven, earth oven, or a rocket stove.

After researching all three and taking an earth oven building workshop, I decided the rocket stove would be the easiest place to start. The earth oven required a large base and I wasn't sure of the quality of our local clay. The masonry oven involves a lot of brick work and I had never held a trowel before so I chose the simpler rocket stove."

Read more on [New Found Traditions](#).

8. Survival Food List – A Beginner's Shopping List to Store 30 Days of Food



"In today's post we will be going over a basic survival food list that anyone can use to immediately stockpile 30 days' worth of food. The intent is to simplify the beginning stages of storing food and to get you to a minimum of 30 days of stored food as quickly and as cost-effectively as possible.

A lot of new preppers look at those big cases of Mountain House or Wise food and think that this is the best way to store food. Although prepared foods like this absolutely have a place in your overall food storage, you should not be relying completely on these foods to make up your entire stockpile."

Read more on [Ready 4 It All](#).

9. Essential Outdoor Cookware That Beginner Campers Should Pack



"For newbies to camping, the key to setting up for satisfying fireside meals is preparation and packing the right "gear," as camping enthusiasts like to call it. While camping is an excellent opportunity to experiment with clever kitchen hacks, make sure to include these items on your packing list.

That way, you won't forget the essentials (like matches, a can opener, and a pot to boil water), as well as those critical items that make brisk, early mornings infinitely more bearable (like a coffee percolator). Once you've looked through our suggestions, print out our checklist to make sure you pack properly."

Read more on [Pop Sugar](#).

10. Reloading: A Complete Beginner's Guide to Handloading for your Rifle



"Here is an excellent video I found letting you know what is involved and some of the expenses you may incur in getting started handloading your own ammo.

Skip to points if you don't want to sit through the whole video:

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Calipers and Scales: 13:49"

Read more on [Prep For SHTE](#).

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