

# 5 Best Survival Tools, According to Preppers

*At Survivopedia we focus on giving back to the community, thus, we have provided you with valuable content written by experienced preppers.*

Ranging from helping you becoming self-sufficient, to putting food on the table or keeping your family safe, our writers addressed, in over 1700 articles, both experienced preppers and the new entrants to the community.

People felt that their peace of mind was regained as wisdom has been passed to the others within the community. As many of you are already developing their survival skills, sharing with us their experiences, DIY projects and pieces of advice, we thought of tailoring this article to entirely meet your needs.

A lot of preppers from our community have sent us e-mails asking for advice on what is the best survival gear they can acquire, and we considered the topic to be of major importance for everyone! At the same time, many of you recommended several items that made their prepping faster and more accurate. Therefore, we at Survivopedia thought of sharing some of the recommendations with you.

We are not saying they are the best, but they give you the opportunity to read reviews from other preppers, so you can have a rough idea on the item you intend to have. In addition, each and every survival gear fulfills the **basic needs** both an experienced prepper and a beginner have, such as sleep, warmth and thirst.

So, today, we are introducing our partner, [Survival Frog](#), the preferred online store for tens of thousands of preppers and outdoor camping enthusiasts. The idea was born in 2009 when Founder and CEO Byron Walker started selling info-product

books online. What started as Peak 10 Publishing grew, and had nearly 1 million customers of its books, CDs and DVDs, now it evolved into the industry leader in preparedness products and survival gear sold online.

It amazes me how many people cut off their sleeping hours in order to get closer to the end of the never-ending daily tasks one might have. They might think that they will recover the sleepless hours, but sleep deprivation has a major impact on our health. From only one missed night, your ability to focus is diminished, the decision-making process is slower, not to mention your survival skills that are considerably reduced.



That leads us to our main point. When you are caught in a SHTF situation, such as being lost in the woods, you will need to preserve as much energy as you can. Not being able to get a proper rest in a life-or-death experience might be the crucial factor in your survival.

One of the recommendations we received from our readers was a **light [sleeping bag](#)**, with multiple uses and advantages. From its light weight to its 4" dimension when packed, the sleeping bag is suitable for any outdoors experience. The bright green and orange colors will help rescuers identify you with ease and the material being able to reflect 90% of your body's heat back to you will keep you warm.

If, hypothetically, you are still not warm enough, and we all know how harsh a winter can be, there are also other additional means to keep your body temperature up.

The first thing that clearly pops into my mind is starting a fire by your sleeping spot. Keeping a gas lighter in your bag seems like a good and cheap idea, but not always the safest.

A [rechargeable lighter](#) might be more useful as it is the simplest fire starter you'll ever touch. The powerful lighter creates two electric arcs that easily act as a fire starter when touched to anything remotely flammable. Plus, this USB lighter is rechargeable, allowing you to enjoy a full week (300 sparks) of use before plugging it in again.

The weather might not always be suitable for starting a fire and, as Leon C. Megginson said, "It is not the strongest or the most intelligent who will survive but those who can best manage change", solutions have to be found.

Therefore, an **alternative** to keeping your body temperature high enough to survive is a [rechargeable hand warmer](#) that can run continuously for 4 – 10 hours depending on your heat settings.

If there's another cold winter like the one in Cincinnati in 1978, 4 hours of battery is definitely not enough, but the run time on a full charge can be extended with the use of its USB charger.

Whether you have your own source of energy such as a portable generator or are using **this type of** [pocket solar lantern](#) with built-in charger, you would decrease the factors that endanger

your ability to maximize your prepper



Thirst is also among the deadliest enemies in a survival situation. The average amount of days a human can live without water is 3 to 4 days, with a week being the most optimistic forecast. I would not advise you to wait until the fifth or sixth day to find and drink potable water. The sooner, the better.

There are many ways to obtain potable water out there in the wilderness. From obtaining water from plants to turning the salt water into drinking water, depending on the location you find yourself in, urge of the need and ability to remember each step of the above processes, possibilities are at one's hand.

Nevertheless, there are countless occasions in which you might not simply find those sources of water. Or you already found a water source but are not sure whether or not to drink it.

Purifying water from an unknown source before drinking it is essential and vital. There are three types of disease-causing pathogens in water, such as bacteria, viruses, and protozoan cysts that can cause you illness and even death at a later stage.

A simple [portable water filter](#) is lightweight and compact enough to save you a lot of space in your bug out bag, and can turn muddy water into potable water in seconds. Having solved the water drinking problem, you avoid getting dehydrated and

can get back on track.

One of our writers, a prepper with over 40 years of experience, said that prepping is 90% mentality and skills you develop, so we thought that this article would fulfil that 10% that can sometimes save your life.

We encourage you to suggest some gear you might have tested, acquired and that made a difference in your life.



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