

How to Approach Other Potential Preppers

When prepping for a SHTF scenario, there are two groups of people: those who believe that the best way to survive is the live independently, every man for himself, and those who believe that there is safety in numbers.

We've discussed the value of [working together](#) to prepare for disaster, but finding like-minded people isn't as easy as it may seem. How do you find fellow preppers without fear of being rejected for your beliefs?

Put Out Feelers

Unfortunately, bringing up the topic of prepping to your neighbors may earn you a look of disbelief, but there are ways to go about it without making them think that you've lost your mind. Start by approaching the subject carefully. While shooting the breeze at the mailbox or chatting it up at a ballgame, introduce the topic gently.

Start by saying something along the lines of, "Boy, times sure are tough, aren't they?" or "Wow, we really are dependent upon technology, aren't we?" You're sure to get a nod of approval at this point. If so, be encouraged. Follow up with something along the lines of, "Have you ever thought about what would happen if something catastrophic really did happen?"

Their answer at this point will give you a general idea of what they think. If they seem to be concerned, then you've found an opening. If not, then you haven't revealed anything about yourself and you know that they aren't of the same mindset that we are. No harm, no foul.

Start or Join a Local Blog

As preppers, we tend to read blogs about prepping, and we search for other local people who are interested as well.

Start a local blog about it or join one if one is already in existence. It's not hard to do and doesn't even cost anything other than some time. If you're not savvy about how to do this, look for local blogs that people have already created.



An online forum is a great way to gather people together; after all, we're all reading this one!

A quick search with the terms, "ways to find local preppers" will bring up a list of sites that organize things by location and you can either find your area or start a new group within the site.

Meetup.com is also a good way to go. Just use "prepping" as your group topic in the search.

Feel Out Local Clubs

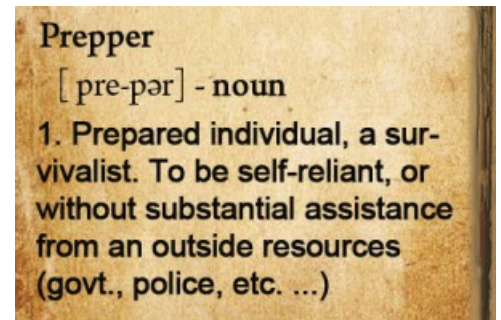
Many of us have common interests such as canning, hunting, shooting, couponing, or living off the grid.

Finding local groups with these interests is a great way to get your foot in the door and meet people who may also be into prepping for when SHTF. You'll be surprised how many of us are out there if you just start scanning community clubs. Your local extension office, gun clubs, and military surplus stores are all great places to find these groups.

Don't jump right in and ask about prepping if you don't feel comfortable doing so. Meet people, get a feel for them and get to know them. If the subject comes up, fantastic! If it doesn't, you're still making friends and getting to know the

people in your local community.

Chances are good, though, that you will most certainly run into fellow preppers in these clubs. Even if you don't, being an active member of the community is still a good thing if SHTF because you'll know your neighbors!



Be Patient

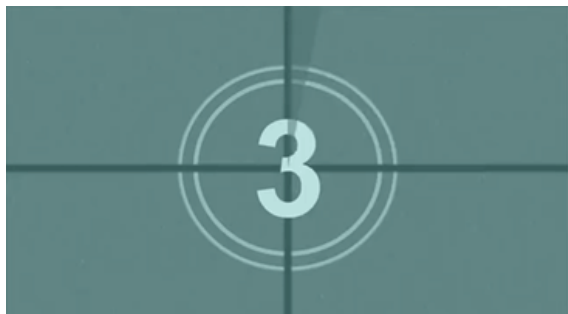
This is probably the hardest part, because we all feel the ticking of the clock.

However, rushing into the topic of prepping with everybody that you meet will most likely earn you a lot of weird stares. Instead, take it easy. Get to know your neighbors and get a feel for who's into prepping and who isn't.

Even if you meet people who are worried but haven't started prepping yet, broaching the subject gradually and logically is the best way to go. Putting yourself out there as an everyday Joe (or Jane) who is smartly preparing for all eventualities is much better than being seen as the weird hoarding neighbor, especially if you're looking for people to form a group.

Finding other preppers isn't always easy, but rest assured that they're out there. After all, the reality shows, couponing, and prepping websites wouldn't be so popular if there wasn't a lively interest in the lifestyle!

Just keep your feelers out, keep prepping, and work on your plan until you find them.



In a SHTF situation that's
all you have.

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