

Prep Blog Review: Tips And Tricks For Your Homestead

It doesn't take much of a weather change for us preppers and homesteaders to start working on our garden. So ever since the spring has shown its first signs we've been busy prepping our garden and ourselves for the coming months.

That's why this week we've gathered some articles to that will help you with your homestead work. Let us know what have you started working on this spring in the comments section below.

1. Planning and Building a Bee-Friendly Backyard



"Like most of you, I have a love/hate relationship with bees. I hate their stings, and thank goodness, no one in my family is allergic to them, but I love their role in nature, acting as the major pollinator. Without them, many different species of plants and animals wouldn't survive and one way to support them is to create a bee-friendly backyard.

Last year we decided to develop a close, personal relationship with bees by adding beehives to our busy backyard. Already we have an owl habitat and both herbs and vegetables growing alongside pines, oaks, and crepe myrtle trees. It's an odd assortment, to be sure, but we figured that bees would fit right in."

Read more on [The Survival Mom](http://TheSurvivalMom.com).

2. 20 Ways to Use Honey for Wellness and Survival



"Rich, golden honey. What is not to like? Just the thought of sweet, fragrant honey and honey bees makes me think of happy times. That, coupled with its long storage life makes honey a perfect food for the survival pantry. But did you know that honey has a myriad of other uses, including as a therapeutic

ointment that promotes healing?

In this article you will learn all about honey, the various types, its use to promote health and wellness, and other ways to use honey that you may not have thought of. But first, a little background about honey and its various forms and types."

Read more on [Backdoor Survival](http://www.backdoorsurvival.com).

3. 8 Key Elements to Successful Urban Homesteading



"Urban homesteading is becoming more and more popular, for preppers and non-preppers alike. The truth is there is nothing better than being able to provide your family with fresh, healthy food and it doesn't get any fresher than out of your own backyard.

Even if you do not have much space, anyone can become an urban homesteader with the proper practices and techniques. Whether you have 1/10 of an acre, or a square mile of property, these practices will help you sustain and support your family in ways you hadn't dreamed possible."

Read more on [US Preppers](http://www.uspreppers.com).

4. How to Make a Rice Filled Heating Pad



"The other week, my hubby sprained his ankle.

It was painful, as you can imagine. After the initial time of rest, ice, compression and elevation (AKA RICE), we knew we needed to alternate heat to help soothe the joints and keep them from getting too tight. A regular heating pad was fine, except that the cord didn't reach where he wanted to sit, and adding in an extension cord meant everyone tripped over it. So, I made my own heating pad.

This is really easy to make, and only takes a few minutes to do.

You'll want to find a clean sock that doesn't have a mate. These are easily found in my house. You want to make sure that there are no large holes in the sock for the filling to fall out. You also don't want a sock that is completely worn out and difficult to tie."

Read more on [The Homesteading Hippy](http://TheHomesteadingHippy.com).

5. Water Procurement: Setting Up a Low-Budget Water Catchment System and Why It Will Save Your Life



“How are you doing, Ready Nutrition Readers? This article is the final segment of a three-part series dealing with obtaining water in a preparedness and survival stance. We will focus today on home and small group needs for water, incorporating knowledge from the

prior two segments to complete the picture. The needs of each home will differ considerably due to varying needs of water consumption. A two-story home with five children, two parents, and an elderly grandparent with a long-term illness, for example, will need a different amount of water than two brothers in their thirties living in a small cottage.”

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