# The 12 Tools You Need For Survival

If there were only 12 things you could take with you in a survival situation what would those be? If you take a close look at you basic needs you will come up with a list of essential things you must have before bugging out or bugging in. But that’s not all!

Check out the infographic bellow to find out the 12 tools you nee and let us know in the comments before if you’d add anything else to the list!

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**SAFEGUARDING YOUR FAMILY IN THE EVENT OF A NATURAL DISASTER IS CRUCIAL AND IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK.**

**Preparing these 12 tools will ensure you and your family survive and thrive no matter what the elements throw your way.**

## EMERGENCY KIT

Start with a **survival kit** that covers these areas in case you need to evacuate, then build up an at-home supply in each category.

## FOOD

**Needed:** 3-day supply of non-perishable food in your emergency kit

3 to 12-month supply per person at home

**Avoid foods that need cooking, refrigeration, or water.**

**Choose staples that DON'T contain salt or make you thirsty.**

**Build a nutrient-dense, balanced supply that offers a good variety.**

**Think in terms of calories per person per day, not number of servings.**

**Store foods your family already eats and likes.**

**Rotate your food storage so you always have the longest-lasting supply you can.**

## TEMPERATURE CONTROL

Make sure your family can survive extreme temperatures.

**Pack appropriate clothes in emergency kit.**

**Keep hand warmers for cold weather.**

**Purchase non-electric portable heater.**

**Reflective emergency sleeping bag or emergency bivvy.**

**Solar-powered generator and fan for extreme heat.**

**Portable shade (use a tarp or your shelter).**

## LIGHTING

Emergency light sources not only help you see, but also provide a sense of security.

**Flashlights (Choose LED, hand-crank, or rechargeable batteries with solar recharger).**

**Kerosene or lamp oil lanterns and candles (Like Emergency Essentials 115+ Hour Liquid Paraffin Candles)**

**Solar-powered lantern.**

## POWER

**Solar-powered or hand-crank charger for cell phones and radio.**

**Generator (we recommend standard and solar-powered if you can afford both).**

**Solar panels.**

## FIRST AID

**Purchase a basic 100-piece first aid kit.**

**First aid booklet or quick-reference.**

## SANITATION

**Pack essentials like:**

**Toothpaste, shampoo, and hand sanitizer.**

**Feminine hygiene products.**

**Toilet seat (if needed).**

**Toilet paper.**

## BINDER

Create a plan of action and a binder of important documents.

**Plan**

**How will your family reunite if apart during an emergency? Write it down, then practice.**

**Binder**

**Keep original documents in it and keep it in a bolted-down safe.**

**Important/ Legal Documents.**

**Everything from birth certificates to passports and wills.**

**Financial Documents.**

**Tax information, bank, credit and investment statements as well as sources of income.**

**Insurance Documents.**

**Medical, auto, property or life insurance papers.**

## TOOLS

**Basic multi-function pocket knife.**

**Collapsible shovel.**

**Sturdy fixed-blade knife.**

## COOKING

**Basic**

**A basic collapsible stove for simple cooking and boiling water; utensils.**

**Simple fuel and matches.**

**Extra**

**Camping stove or Volcano stove for preparing meals and boiling water.**

**Fuel and matches.**

**Solar oven.**

## SHELTER

Where and how you shelter depends on the type of disaster. Having these items will help in many scenarios.

**Plastic sheeting and duct tape or hurricane tape.**

**Tent or simple tarp with rope.**

## WATER

**Minimum Needed:** One gallon of water a day per person in your 3-day kit; 14 gallons per person; Microfilter for treating water on the go.

The average American uses **70 gallons of water a day!**

- 1 gallon a day.
- 1.28 gallons per flush.
- 4-5 gallons per load.
- 45-55 gallons per load.
- 25-50 gallons (2.5-5 gallons a minute!)

## COMMUNICATION

**Emergency whistle.**

**Emergency signal mirror.**

**Short-Wave Radio: Choose solar-powered, crank, or battery -operated.**

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