

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 your 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 below to find out the 12 tools you need and let us know in the comments below if you'd add anything else to the list!

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

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

3 to 12-month supply per person at home

- **For your kit:**
 - Avoid foods that need cooking, refrigeration or water.
- **Choose staples that DON'T contain salt or make you thirsty.**
- **All home:**
 - 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.**

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 bivy.
-  Solar-powered generator and fan for extreme heat.
-  Portable shade (use a tarp or your shelter).

-  Solar-powered or hand-crank charger for cell phones and radios
-  Generator (via recommended stand) and solar-powered if you can afford both.
-  Solar panels.



- ✚ Purchase a basic 100-piece first aid kit
- 📖 First aid booklet or quick-reference.

Pack essentials like:

-  Toiletries, shampoo, and hand sanitizer.
-  Feminine hygiene products.
-  Toilet seat (if needed).
-  Toilet paper.

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

-  **Plan**
How will your family reunite if apart during an emergency? Write down, then practice.
-  **Boxer**
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 policy**

Basic multi-function
pocket knife

- Sturdy fixed-blade knife.

→ KIC
A basic collapsible

- **Stove** for simple cooking and boiling water; utensils.

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.

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 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)

 Emergency whistle.

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

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