

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.

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

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 FOOD **FOOD**

- **For your kitchen:**
 - 🔥 Avoid foods that need cooking, refrigeration, or water.
 - 📦 Choose staples that DON'T contain salt or make you thirsty.
- **At 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.

 TEMPERATURE CONTROL **TEMPERATURE CONTROL**

-  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).

 POWER **POWER**

-  Solar-powered or hand-crank charger for cell phones and radios.
-  Generator (we recommend standard and solar-powered if you can afford both).
-  Solar panels.

FIRST AID

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-  Purchase a basic 100-piece first aid kit.
-  First aid booklet or website reference.

 SANITATION SANITATION

- Pack essentials like:**
-  Toothpaste, shampoo, and hand sanitizer.
 -  Feminine hygiene products.
 -  Toilet seat (if needed).
 - Toilet paper.

 BINDER **BINDER**

- **Create a plan of action** and a binder of important documents.
- **Plan**
How will your family routine if spent during an emergency? Write it down, then practice.
- **Binder**
Keep original documents in it and keep it in a locked-draw 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.

 TOOLS TOOLS

- Basic multi-function pocket knife.
- Collapsible shovel.
- Sturdy fixed-blade knife.

 COOKING COOKING

- **Kitchen:**
A basic collapsible stove for simple cooking and boiling water; unusable.
- **Simple fuel and matches.**
- **Home:**
Camping stove or Volcano stove for preparing meals and boiling water.
- **Fuel and matches.**
- **Solar oven.**

 WATER 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

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- Emergency whistle.
- Emergency signal mirror.
- Short-Wave Radio: Choose solar-powered, crank, or battery-operated.

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