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PREPARING FOR CLIMATE CHANGE: WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ACT TODAY!

The world is constantly changing but not like in the past few hundred years. Technological advancements are forcing the environment to change in a way that is not at all desirable to human-kind. Though technology has made our lives comfortable to a great extent the same factors of comfort are contributing to making the world a difficult and uncomfortable place to live in.

The machines that cool or heat our homes and offices contribute to global warming that is causing disastrous changes to the climate and the environment as a whole. The climatic changes all around the globe is leading to environmental disasters in almost every country and this should be sounding alarm bells in every home of the world. However, we are still taking things easy hoping for the governments of the world to do something about putting a climate change emergency program in place.

People should learn from the devastating earthquakes,

typhoons and tsunamis that are wreaking havoc around the world. The first point in an emergency program should be to educate the people as to the factors that lead to such environmental disasters and how to detect or predict the possible occurrence of one. Then the next step should include lessons on how to prepare for such contingencies.

Knowledge on how to act in times of environmental emergencies will help people improve their chances of surviving and coming out of such a situation with the least amount of damage.

Evidence is pointing to the fact that nature is going to hold man-kind responsible for the degradation of nature and the onslaught of natural disasters is inevitable. Mankind should be prepared to face these disasters if not do something to avert them - if it is not too late already. Greenhouse gases are not just government propaganda. It is a fierce reality and is the

main contributing factor to global warming a phenomenon that is likely result in half the globe being submerged under the seas due to the melting of the ice caps at the poles of the globe.

It is believed that no matter what man does now there is no way of averting warming of the globe, it can only be delayed. What is of prime importance now is that man should understand the problems of climate change and how to react in such times. When climate change brings about a rise in the levels of the seas and oceans, forest fires and other disasters man must know the best measures to be taken.

It is important that the governments of every country should set up a contingency plan and a training program to educate the people as to how they should react in the event of an emergency brought on by climate changes. This will contribute to millions of people being in a better position to safe guard their lives and property and will lessen the impact of the environmental disaster.

With the present knowledge acquired by scientists around the world we now have a better chance of surviving -we also have a better choice.

Bar-Le-Duc: A French Delicacy

Ingredients (makes 5 half pint jars)

- 2 cups currants
- 4 cups sugar
- 1 ½ cups water

Preparations:

1. Wash currants and pick from stems.

2. Combine sugar and water; boil for 8 minutes.

3. Add currants and cook for 15 minutes.

4. Pour in sterilized glasses and seal.

Canning Mint Syrup and Mint Tea

Ingredients mint syrup recipe modified from River Cottage Preserves Handbook (makes 4 cups)

- 2 ounces freshly picked mint leaves
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 ¼ cups granulated sugar
- 1 tsp salt

Preparations:

Check the mint leaves for any insect life, then tear the leaves into shreds. Put the lemon juice into a large bowl. Add the mint and pound with the end of a wooden rolling pin. Add the sugar and salt and continue to crush the mint leaves to release their menthol essence. Leave to macerate for 8 to 10 hours or overnight.

Pour 2 ½ cups of boiling water over the macerated mint mixture and let stand for a further 12 hours.

Strain syrup through a very fine sieve or cheesecloth into a saucepan. Gently bring to a simmer and simmer for a couple of minutes. Pour into warm, sterilized bottles and process in a boiling water canner for 10 minutes. The syrup will keep for about 9 months unopened. Once a jar is opened, then store in the refrigerator.

PREPPERS AND SURVIVALIST: IT'S NOT ABOUT GUNS AND CAMOUFLAGE

Even though the show "Doomsday Preppers" likes to focus on guns and camouflage, the whole concept of being a prepper or a survivalist has much less to do with the flashy things that raise eyebrows and has much more to do with things that are actually quite boring.

The fact is that we all like our toys, and for the most part, preppers and survivalists will tell you that the guns and camouflage, while necessary components of their prepping plans, are a small part of the overall picture.

The biggest part of the picture for preppers and survivalists is food storage and water purification. However, neither of these components of prepping are very interesting, so they don't get the TV time on the "end of the world" shows or get talked about a lot.

Food storage is pretty straightforward and kind of boring. However, there are a lot of facets to food storage, if you are approaching it correctly, that require a huge amount of knowledge and skills. The same goes for water purification.

While the zombies (the prepper term for the 'unprepared' and 'unsupplied' after a major catastrophe) probably won't start trying to knock down your door for a few days after things go south, the need for water will be immediate. The need for food will be right behind that. So these are the priorities.

So preppers and survivalists spend a lot of time and energy ensuring that they will have the necessities of life that will need defending with their guns. They spend time perfecting their food storage plans so that they can get by without a trip to the store for months on end.

They spend time ensuring that they have a supply of water and the means to purify it so that long after the tap runs dry, they are not thirsty.

Whether it is a major economic collapse or "just" a natural disaster like Hurricane Sandy, which leaves millions of people with no electricity for over a week, the fact is that preppers and survivalists are the kind of people that you really want to get to know.

As long as you can get past the thoughts of all the camouflage and guns, you'll grow to appreciate the wisdom and foresight that preppers and survivalists have, and you'll pray to God that you never are in a situation where you have to swallow your pride and admit you need their help.

WHY PREPPERS AND SURVIVALIST SHOULD NEVER WEAR JEANS OR CAMOUFLAGE?

On the show "Doomsday Preppers" you see guys all decked out in cool tactical clothing and camouflage as they display their weapons and stockpiles of food. However, unless you are in a tactical situation with your assault rifle in your hands, you really should never wear camouflage in a post-economic collapse America.

Wearing your cool camouflage clothing in an urban environment after an economic collapse tells those seeing you a lot of things you don't want them to know. It tells them that, whether you are a veteran or a hunter, you probably own guns. That's a great way to advertise YOUR vehicle as the one to break into with the best potential payoff.

Oddly enough, wearing camouflage also makes you stand out. The last thing you want to do when the crime is skyrocketing due to an economic collapse is to stand out. You want to blend in and not attract attention, both so that you are less likely to be singled out as a potential target, and so that will be easier if you decide to come to someone's aid.

The other article of clothing that is a bad idea to wear is blue jeans. The reason is that jeans are made of cotton, or as avid backpackers call it, "death cloth." Cotton is a really bad idea for a situation where you could be in trouble because it holds water takes forever to dry.

If you get wet wearing blue jeans and it isn't a hot day out, you will not appreciate the cooling effect from wearing wet jeans. This has probably never been a problem for most of us in our lives, but in a post-collapse situation, we need to be as wise as possible and not wear things that will jeopardize our safety.

Imagine being in a situation where you suddenly become a pedestrian because your vehicle is taken out and you have to walk home 10 miles in the rain or snow wearing cotton pants. Now compound the situation with the fact that your personal safety is at risk in an atmosphere of civil unrest and every little thing that robs you of energy and effectiveness becomes a serious safety concern.

There is a lot to learn about being a prepper that you won't get to see on TV shows about preppers. But the good news is that the information is out there for those who want to get serious about taking measures to be safer and more secure in their home and in their cars.

4 THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN SURVIVING AN APOCALYPTIC EVENT

An apocalyptic event has been identified by many as the end of the world as we know it. The apocalypse may be brought on by the breakdown of civilized society, a worldwide disease crisis, an Earth-ending event or major climate shift, financial and cultural collapse, nuclear war, volcanic eruptions, or even ascending sea levels. There is an approach that believes that the apocalypse will mark the end of the world. But also numerous people believe that talk of the end of the world is all crazy talk. Regardless of your beliefs on this, it's a good idea to understand how to take care of yourself should it happen. Some of the factors you have to take care of in your quest to survive the unavoidable end of the world are mentioned in this post.

1. Defense

During the course of the apocalypse, man will most probably turn against each other because of lack of food and supplies that will mark the era. It's therefore quite important to ensure that your protection is well taken care of. Make sure that you have a small, all weather firearm hidden somewhere in your crisis bag, and a stockpile of bullets. Having a solid and razor-sharp knife will also be immensely important during that time for safety reasons. Design a perimeter around your home and trade shifts with your fellow survivalists keeping guard. Gangs of marauders will congregate to get resources, and you need to have a plan to protect yours if you expect to survive.

2. Fire

Fire is an additional all-important component of the apocalypse survival guide. Fire is a must for warmth, boiling water, and cooking food. Keep enough all-weather lighters and match boxes, and also firewood or some other forms of fuel that will help keep a fire. Everything you would need to start a fire will be stored in a good survival kit.

3. Food and Water

When the electric power goes down, and there is no more plumbing, you'll be pushed to find a clean lasting drinking water source. It's a great concept to accumulate sufficient water in your house to survive for several weeks, which you can do with an emergency water storage kit. Stockpiling non-perishable MREs will also be very helpful during such an event. Ensuring a good supply of food prior to the stuff hitting the fan will definitely help you escape the last minute rush, as many people will be rushing for them in the shops when its already already happening. As currency will be futile, food will also serve as a bartering currency, so the more you have, the more leverage you'll have to obtain other supplies. It's a great concept to have a seed bank. With a seed bank you can potentially grow a whole acre of vegetables in a crisis..

4. Shelter

In terms of the shelter, the end of the world will certainly dislocate you from your local home. You should remind yourself the flashier your place of shelter is, the more likely you are to get attacked by eager looters. Search out a place that is well hidden from main streets, and appears vacant and void of supplies. You should also scavenge your vicinity to consider possible high points where you can defend it from, if and when the time comes. Having some packed sleeping bags, some basic medical supplies, and the important home supplies will also come in handy. It is a great idea to get yourself a 72 hour kit that is well stocked. These come with sufficient crisis supplies, food, water, health supplies etc, that you will need to survive solitude for 3 days.

Even though lots of individuals prefer to dismiss the possibility of an apocalypse as a case of extreme psychosis; it is definitely something worth thinking about. The basic principles in this guide will most definitely play an instrumental role in guaranteeing you live to see the post-apocalypse world.

PARACORD BELTS MAKE VERSATILE SURVIVAL TOOLS

Paracord Belts are a popular paracord item and it is easy to understand why. Where some paracord items aren't for everyone, such as a bracelet, just about everyone wears a belt on occasion. Paracord belts can be worn for a casual stylish look and can also be worn when going camping, hiking, rock climbing, cycling, or on many other adventures. This double duty feature makes the belts a versatile and a top-selling item.

Because belts are much longer than bracelets or most other paracord items, there is a lot more cord to use if you get in to a situation where you need to construct a survival tool. Bracelets can certainly be useful, but you are limited in what you can do with the cord. Belts can provide up to 100 feet of cord, or even more depending on the size of the belt.

Paracord Rescue Belts have two main components and both can be found in multiple colors and styles. The first component, the buckle, can be found in everything from traditional styles to nickel to D-rings to one that doubles as a high decibel whistle.

In just a few seconds a properly made rescue belt can be unraveled. And when an emergency presents itself, time is extremely important! To take even quicker action, you can get a side release buckle so that you'll be able to easily remove the belt. The weave of the belt can make a difference in how quickly you can unravel the cord, so you might want to get one such as the mock cobra weave that will come apart very quickly without having to untie knots.

You'll usually get about 3 feet of cord for each inch of the belt. So for a 34 inch belt you should have around 100 feet of cord to work with. Something else to consider is to add 3 or 4 paracord belt loops to your belt, then you can use your belt loops to attach gear and it can provide a pretty strong anchor.

Popular Colors include black, brown, white, desert, camouflage, olive, neon green, orange, blue, purple, yellow, reflective colors, combinations of colors, and just about any color you can imagine.

Availability is very wide so you can decide whether to make or buy your paracord belt. Even when you buy you can often still customize your belt. Always be sure to read order forms carefully because some will ask for the belt size, others will ask for the belt length. Whatever you decide, once you have a paracord belt you'll have one of the most versatile paracord items and be better prepared for many situations.

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