

# Skills to Learn Before Trouble Arises

Knowledge is Valuable

## Primary to survival – Where to start:

1. Attitude is number one. Without a good attitude and the will to live, you probably won't. Plan ahead to care for you and your loved ones and deal with whatever situation may arise.
2. Blending in – the idea of the Gray Man (vehicles, too)
3. Bug out bag (BOB) building – do it.
4. Food procurement
5. Self-aid/buddy care (SABC) and/or first response trauma protocols (stop bleeding, manage airways, treat shock)
6. Self-defense of some sort
7. Shelter
8. Social skills – get to know your neighbors now
9. Water procurement

## Traditional prepper/survivalist skills:

10. Archiving printed information that you can refer to if you can no longer look it up
11. Bugging in
12. Bugging out
13. Fire starting
14. Food preservation
15. Permaculture
16. Prepping (storing food, supplies and tools)
17. Water filtration

## Skills that will help nourish you, your family, and your community:

18. Animal care
19. Bread making

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20. Butchering
21. Campfire cooking
22. Canning (fruit, vegetables and meat)
23. Cheese making
24. Composting
25. Edible native plant identification
26. Farming
27. Fishing
28. Gardening
29. Hunting
30. Irrigation
31. Marksmanship
32. Skinning, gutting and meat processing
33. Snaring
34. Tracking (and animal print identification)
35. Trapping
36. Water collecting

### **Necessary survival skills:**

37. Bullet reloading
38. Defending people, places and supplies
39. Fire stopping
40. First aid
41. Map reading / Navigation and using a compass
42. Mirror signaling
43. Perimeter security

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**Useful trades - good for survival, comfort, bartering and community needs:**

44. Blacksmithing / Forging
45. Boat building
46. Camping (and site selection)
47. Candle making
48. Construction (shelter building)
49. Counseling
50. Dental care
51. Electrical wiring
52. Fabric making
53. Furniture making
54. Gunsmithing
55. Ham Radio
56. Harnessing
57. Horseback riding
58. Knife making
59. Knitting
60. Knot tying
61. Leather working
62. Mechanics
63. Negotiating / Bartering
64. Plumbing
65. Scavenging
66. Sewing (including patching and mending)
67. Soap making
68. Teaching
69. Tool making
70. Weather forecasting
71. Well digging (by hand)