



Fifteen things worth keeping extra of.

Cheap, useful every week, and the first things to run out when stores close.

1 Water



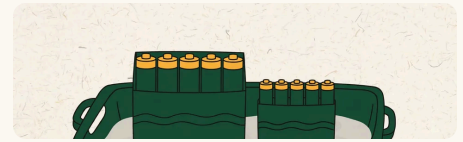
- A case or two of bottles, plus a jug
- Rotate it every six months
- First thing gone from every store

2 Canned food



- Beans, tuna, soup, fruit
- Things you already eat
- A manual can opener next to them

3 Batteries



- AA and AAA in a sealed pack
- Match what your lights and radio take
- Check dates once a year

4 Soap and hygiene



- Bar soap, hand sanitizer, toothpaste
- Cheap, light, and the first comfort to go
- Feminine products, extra

5 Toilet paper



- A few packs beyond the usual
- Stores flat under a bed
- Everyone remembers 2020

6 Coffee and tea



- Morale in a jar
- Instant coffee needs only hot water
- Long shelf life sealed

7 Salt and basic seasonings



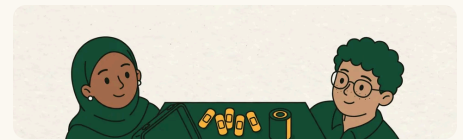
- Never spoils
- Turns plain stored food into food
- Sugar and bouillon too

8 Lighters and matches



- A few lighters, matches in a dry jar
- Cooking and light start here
- Keep them out of kids' reach

9 First aid supplies



- Bandages, tape, gauze, pain reliever
- Any prescription you cannot skip
- Restock when you use it

10 Duct tape



- Fixes tents, hoses, shoes, windows
- A roll in the house, one in the car
- Zip ties and a tarp beside it

11 Fuel, stored properly



- Camp stove canisters, charcoal, a stabilized gas can
- Sealed, outside the living space, away from heat
- Only what you can store safely

12 Socks and underwear



- Dry feet are a health issue, not a comfort
- A new pack per person
- Wool if you can

13 Trash and zip bags



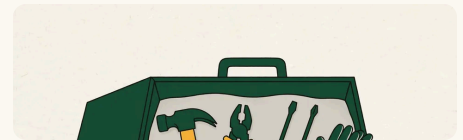
- Heavy trash bags, gallon zip bags
- Waste, storage, rain cover, water carrying
- Cheap and endlessly useful

14 Blankets



- Wool or fleece, one extra per person
- Space blankets in the car
- Warmth with no power

15 Hand tools



- Hammer, pliers, screwdrivers, a wrench for the gas
- Work gloves
- Nothing needs a battery

Buy one extra each trip. In two months the shelf is full and you never noticed.

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