

How to Cache, Hide, And Camouflage Your Property from Looters

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Today's article is about how to cache, hide and camouflage your property, also known as OPSEC.

OPSEC is essential for every prepper (OPSEC stands for Operation Security, that's a military term), and it basically means you must keep your stockpile secure from prying eyes.

The first rule of OPSEC is that you don't talk about your stash! The same goes for the second rule and the third rule! Loose lips can sink ships and the whole nine yards, you know the drill!

The fewer people know about your prepping endeavor, the better. As a general rule of thumb, never store your stuff in visible places. Also, you don't have to brag to your friends, co-workers and neighbors about your stash, or about the cool things you own. I must make a special emphasis on this stupid habit: don't put pictures of your gear on Facebook, Instagram or wherever. In the best-case scenario, you might be laughed at and mocked for being a crazy prepper; worst case scenario, you may end up reported to Homeland Security for terrorist activities, or robbed.

But, in a SHTF situation, guess what, it gets even worse: you'll be a piggy bank for all the people out there who know about your stash, people who are not prepared to deal with a disaster, and that makes for the vast majority of Americans. Are you ready to share your survival stash with total strangers, or you'd prefer to do that with your family and your friends? Will you be able to say no to them?

Are you willing to defend your stockpile at gunpoint against the hordes of hungry and desperate people? The easiest way to prevent these unpleasant (to say the least) things from happening is to keep your pie hole shut! If your friends and co-workers are making fun of those crazy preppers, join them, make fun of them too, don't let anybody know that you're one of the "chosen ones".

Obviously, you must instruct your family members about OPSEC too, and especially your kids. Nowadays, public schools are questioning the kids about their parents' activities i.e. if they have guns and stuff, and even FBI started to ask questions about folks buying in bulk crazy stuff like food and ammo; preppers are now associated with domestic terrorism! I mean, we're living in a crazy world or what? In the land of the free, home of the brave, refusing to be dependent upon the government is now regarded as domestic terrorism!

So, keep your mouth shut at all times and do what you have to do. It's nobody's business what are you doing on your property, or what you have stored inside of your house, whether it's water, food or guns. It's your constitutional right to do it, so just do it. Again, don't take pictures of your stash, especially if you're a gun enthusiast and NEVER put them on the Internet, on Facebook, Twitter or other social media platforms. I know it's fun to do it and to compare what you have with other preppers, but you may become a target, not only for those unprepared, but for our own government that's supposed to protect us.

Trust me, I'm not exaggerating and I am not over reacting, just read the news. In case you did not know, in case of emergencies, the US government has the right to come into your home and confiscate your extra food supplies, and I am sure they'll do that if presented with the "opportunity". Remember Katrina? In case you don't remember or you did not know, various government agencies confiscated people's guns with no reason but for the "good, safety and security" of ... I don't know exactly whom. I

can't grasp the concept of disarming people and letting them at the mercy of looters and burglars that always show up in the aftermath of natural disasters/society collapse.

In case of a SHTF situation, you should not rely on the government to protect you. You'll be on your own, at least temporarily, and your family will depend upon you for food, protection and shelter. Obviously, we all hope that day will never come, but it's better to be prepared for the worst-case scenario while hoping for the best. Which brings us to today's article: DIY ways to hide your stockpile, whether it's firearms or supplies.

To begin with, the coolest thing to have in your house is tactical walls. A tactical wall can be described as a hidden compartment used for storing...well, anything, ranging from guns and ammo to food or other valuables (gold, cash, etc.).

Obviously, when you're contemplating building a secret storage compartment or whatever, you'll have to first determine what are you trying to hide, and size plays a big role in this equation. Accessibility is another matter, i.e. if you're trying to hide a weapon for self-defense somewhere in the house, you'll have to do it in such a way that you'd have quick access to it, in case an intruder shows up. Another thing to remember when building hidden caches for your survival gear is not to put all of your eggs in one basket, i.e. the more survival caches you have (preferably in different locations), the better. If you're going to bury (or store outdoors) your survival gear, it's important to choose the container carefully and remember that moisture is a prepper's biggest enemy. Waterproof plastic and metal (like aluminum or stainless steel) containers are the best, the likes of garbage cans/barrels, pelican cases and similar stuff.

I hope the article helped. If you have other ideas or comments, feel free to express yourself using the dedicated section below.

Comments

Hotwheels | May 14, 2018 Reply

I am disabled and I would like to help other disabled people think this stuff out. However. I don't know how to start a blog or etc. to give people ideas without compromising the security of my plans. Any ideas?

Stormy | May 14, 2018 Reply

Well I am glad you are thinking like this; paranoid and proud of it. Wish I had ideas, I am waiting for someone to reply to your question. I am disabled but still ambulatory. Wouldn't it have been wonderful to be ABLE to have learned this stuff when we were young and powerful?

Thing is, most people are the fitness level I am now. UGH. No wonder we have listless, complaisant, obese, down trodden highly educated neighbors.

I am assuming you are talking about those who cannot walk, or run, or crawl or see or hear?

I'd love to hear your ideas...What is compromising the security of your plans? Your home? I'll watch for replies...thanks for asking this question.

Hotwheels | May 14, 2018 Reply

I was born with cerebral palsy. So, learning this before I was disabled would have been impossible. Stormy, I think I have ideas about how to hide water that probably no one has thought about but if I go listing

them online people will be thinking of them. I am unfortunately in an apartment so I am fairly certain that my neighbors will come demanding that I give them what they can find at some point after the SHTF.

Talking about my ideas too in-depth or putting how to hide water videos on YouTube would be comprising security and in my case, I am pretty sure that whatever isn't well hidden will be taken

Kina | May 31, 2018 Reply

You don't have to put your real name on your YouTube account or blog. Make one with a pen name and share/help others as much as you want. I think it's a wonderful idea to do so.

Stormy | April 1, 2020

Kina, I don't think that works, changing your name and getting a new account. You are still registered and THEY know who you are.

Gijanedoe | July 2, 2019 Reply

My thought is to make an obvious stash of your "useless junk", label it as "preparedness" and let them have "all of it"., when they show up.

Lynn | June 24, 2018 Reply

I am also disabled and can barely walk around the house holding on to the walls and furniture. I can go short distances with my Canadian crutches. I live with my 85-year-old mother who is also barely able to walk. I do stock up a little on food and water but when the SHTF, how will we survive? I myself am 65 and was a RN before becoming disabled gradually by post-polio syndrome and spinal anomalies. We barely get by financially and the only help we have is my less disabled brother and his very disabled wife. My son lives three states away so in a crisis, that's no help, On the event that it would be safer to move to a safer location, we cannot do that. So it is fearful to be in this situation and handicapped.

Bill in Idaho | May 14, 2018 Reply

Hello again, Chris . . . Another Good – No, Valuable Article from your pen. You provide some really good suggestions – and "food for thought" . . . My two primary rules are 1.) No Talking -or- showing anything of your prep items – period. 2.) Making your facilities, especially hiding places, inconspicuous or better yet, invisible – This is an art. It will require a good deal of pondering and planning, - but is necessary. Example: my storage facility is a well constricted greenhouse (10 X 16) with a "root Cellar" accessible. Outside it looks like a junk pile, but it is well constructed, heated, insulated, and has facilities for cooking, living and sleeping. It is way out back in the orchard, and has No beaten trail to it. It has food, fuel, clothing, supplies, and other essentials. You could not find our place in 10 years of searching, So, I am Not worried. Defense weapons are another matter – concealed carry at home is More vital than anywhere else. Bedroom: Try an old (but looks good) CRT TV with a hinged back – close to sleeping bed. Lots more to consider. Thank You, Chris.

Stormy | May 14, 2018 Reply

I'd love to see your hidey-hole. Have you considered the satellite data they are able to get? They can SEE heated underground structures. A greenhouse as an above ground ruse is good, it will attract attention. That is the only problem. Greenhouses will be like neon lit DINERS in the future. So, you would be

scrutinized very closely. And hungry, thirsty people, animals have supernatural scrutiny, sense of smell, sight and hearing...

No cooking odors allowed. That would be a big billboard. You need to get used to your own smell and how to cover it up. Using dried dung and soil for one. Toothpaste and soap can be smelled afar even by humans. Not to mention bad habits like tobacco... Growing weed? That can be detected hundreds of yards away by humans. Even with filters.

The best thing to do is to have no attractions whatsoever. No greenhouse. No heated buildings. greenhouses need to be hidden. Good luck with that. Solar panels, hidden.

Lights hidden.

Generator noise hidden or gone.

No smells of cooking.

Hide your horses, chickens (get rid of the poor roosters...sigh, keep your dogs trained to be quiet until you give them the signal. If you have beef, pigs (love these guys) get them hidden and able to run. Indoor cats? Give them secret spot to go hide such as between floors or to get outside when you open the tunnel door.

We are devising 'GILLY SUITS' for a few runs to and hide spots...gully suits for the camouflage spots.

Trap door, tunnels, ways to close off tunnels to entrap idiots, trip wires, the bunnies have mined this land full of little ankle breakers.

Gotta have; Plan A, Plan B, Plan C, Plan D and as far down the alphabet you are able to make plans.

If you aren't practicing a few scenarios, if you do not have a gun, worse, if you have a gun or rifle and no training, if you think you will be protecting yourself and your family from TERRORISTS in turbans with gnarly suntans, you are insane.

If you think for a second that having NO GUNS allowed at all is a good thing? I wanna know who you are so I can stay away from you...Dumb and even more foolish. Turn the other cheek and God will protect you?

It is tough to practice or think about and plan for an event (sure to happen sooner than later) when life has been so...on the surface comfortable. If a person is maxed out with stress there is no way they will be able to learn, to know and to prepare for SHTF stuff. So do not try to explain to family and friends...they will not be able to hear your words. Does that make sense? Get prepared to kill military, police, your neighbors if you want to survive. Not Muslims...good grief. A gun is worthless unless you know it well enough to become an extension of you. I still would make sure I had one and got informed enough to expect having to shoot people you just might know. Get a mindset. Or you and your family are dead.

Bill in Idaho | May 16, 2018 Reply

Stormy, Do Not Think "HIDDEN" – Think Diversion or false Image. Our "Greenhouse" looks like a large collection of used building materials – you would Never think "Greenhouse" to see it. Remember the magician's trick of diverted attention – Left hand active – attention getting; Right hand does the "trick". Insulation (Think R-21 +) will mask a lot of infrared signature – a Lot! Smells and sounds are easily masked or diverted. Just analyze what you are doing – carefully.

Stormy | April 1, 2020 Reply

Hey, I get it, Hotwheels. Your paranoia is critical to effect invisibility. Paranoia is simply smart. Too bad it goes against the LA LA LA feelings most people live with. we have a well and are working on a manual pump. Or we'll have to ride the horses to the river a couple of miles away, allow the horses to drink their fill. But that is our fall back for water. We need to water the gardens as well, so it might take a couple of rides to get water. Yay. I'll never leave my animals; 30 wildish bunnies, 12 kitties (all fixed) 30 or so Ravens, 2 100#+ dogs...they are so handsome, 2 gorgeous horses. Love4ly family...

Stormy | April 1, 2020 Reply

Seriously beautiful ideas. Really, R 21 would mask infrared signatures? Thanks. I love this information, Bill. I love Idaho BTW. Live4d in Moscow for 17 years.

Matt | September 26, 2019 Reply

Put "crow collars" on your roosters, problem solved. Look at YouTube for details. You can also get away with this trick in the city.

Willowa | May 18, 2018Reply

"Get rid of your roosters...". They can have the vocal cords cut (cruel, I know, but when the shtf it may be necessary). Mind, I don't know how to do it, but I've read, Indians in So Am do it so enemy warriors can't find their village so easily, ergo, how hard could it be, (better ask a Veterinarian, don't just experiment, lol)

ME In TN | May 3, 2019 Reply

...plus, no roosters mean no future chickens...try not to cut your nose off. etc., etc....

Red | February 12, 2020 Reply

Absolutely. Even a small apartment has waste space between uprights in inner walls. Ceilings can be strengthened with plywood and that space used. Drop ceiling, even better. Every house should have a cistern and a crawl space under the floor. Seal things in plastic and sink them deep. A writer did that with books and documents and buried them in the cesspit of a burned-out house.

Blame God or call it good luck, I bought this house by accident. I had no real desire to live in this village, rather wanted a bigger place with some acreage. When I checked this place, just for something to do, all of a sudden, I'm signing papers and bought it while living 2,000 miles away. After a few months here, I say it was God's will. None of the other places turned out right. Either the town had a lot of crime, or was infested with zombies (liberals).

This place is perfect for me. Mostly Native American, full-bloods, Métis, mestizos, gvnakii (black Native Americans). I fit in because all of them are 'family'. People here are proud to be American and we wouldn't touch a zombie (liberal, dem or RINO) with the dirty end of a stick. Here, people are often preppers because when the dnc wrecks the economy, and the Wiemar Republic is as much an icon as their master, Hitler, jobs grow scarce.

I practice what I teach, hidden gardens. Most foods you eat were developed by Native American women. Much of it was developed by Euros as flowers, but is still eaten where it came from. Nasturtiums, canna

lily roots, day lilies, scarlet runner beans, amaranth, and so on. You can have a yard full of food and most will not know what it is. Blueberries are big recommendation for wetter areas. Here, American cactus like prickly pear and saguaro was big items. Honey mesquite, every town encourages raising them for shade. Yucca for food and fiber. Back east, it's even easier because so much is easy to raise, including desert plants. You can find varieties of prickly pear and yucca to plant under the eaves for most states. A grape vine trellis here and there will also support maypops/passion fruit, hops, and so on. Hide your gardens. Plant eatable ornamental.

Rod Clark | April 1, 2020 Reply

Very true about keeping secrets. I made the mistake of telling my best friend, and since covid-19 arrived he has come to me for toilet paper and food. We prep for 2, plus a dog, not for 7 adults. Regrets...

Prepper 1UK | April 2, 2020 Reply

Friends can be a danger- one refuses to adapt (limit his contacts or increase hygiene) = I've assessed he is high risk and I will NOT go anywhere near him.

His attitude prompted my lockdown because he will not be the only one with that attitude.

Same for the elderly lady next door.

I wish she would adapt etc.

It will hurt me to know if she suffers!!

But I should not expose myself because of her or his lemming attitude.

Sea rations, dehydrated food, soup packets, energy bars, pimmican will fit in the smallest places. Store some water now and have empty vessels ready to fill if warned of cut off.

Opsec and Gray man may help you keep them.

"That thing you can smell?"

Is the shtf has hit the fan!!

Evan | June 28, 2020 Reply

Deep under a pile of old car parts, rusted junk cars, old worthless mechanical junk with a few old dead animals thrown in the mix for the aroma no one wants lies your underground utopia.

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