

## **How Important Is It to Be Prepared?**

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People frequently use the excuse that they simply do not have the necessary funds within their budget to regularly stock up on supplies in the event of an emergency. This may perhaps be true however let me throw this situation on you for a moment, and see what your response would be.

Mr. "A" has really gone all out in preparation for any sort of emergency. He has enough food to last his family for at least a year. He has adequate medical supplies at his disposal along with plenty of candles, and alternate energy sources. He has stocked up on the necessary ammo, and shotguns needed to hunt for his food should the time come, and he's well versed in many of the survival skills that are stressed at the various survival websites. It is obvious that Mr. "A" has invested a considerable sum of money in his preparations.

Now, let's turn our attention to Mr. "B" who all along has complained that he simply cannot afford to invest in emergency supplies, and still maintain his week to week budget restrictions. He has barely a two-week supply of food in his home, and has no alternative plans in relationship to emergency situations. In short, Mr. "B" is extremely unprepared for a disaster should it strike his area of the country.

Since we have now been introduced to the principle players here, let's further consider this remark from Mr. "B". Mr. "B's" philosophy is that it does not matter much how effectively you prepare for an emergency, for in the event that you are forced to evacuate your home, or find it necessary to bug out, you will have a very difficult time taking all your supplies with you.

Perhaps Mr. "B" has a bit of common sense tied up in this statement after all. Sit for a moment and recall the vast number of survival food advertisements which offer a full year's supply of food for a specific amount of money. Upon further investigation you find that these full years' worth of dehydrated foods will come shipped to you in 30 cases. Sounds like it could take up a considerable amount of space. If you happen to have a Nissan Sentra, I could guarantee that you would not be taking all your food supplies with you. They simply will not fit. Add to that 30 cases of your needed water, clothing, blankets and shelter requirements and you just cannot take all the things necessary with you.

Thinking logically on this problem, if you are like Mr. "A" and you want to be properly prepared then you should investigate the possibility of purchasing a small pull behind trailer in order to take your supplies with you. It is either that, or you will be forced to leave the bulk of your necessities at home when you bug out. I seriously doubt that anyone who has worked hard for several years will want to do that.

The choice than is quite obvious - you will need to buy a trailer to take with you. Don't jump on the first one you see but look around. Do you want it to lock securely when you are traveling? That would be an excellent idea in my book. The only limitation I see

to pulling the trailer would be the size of the engine you have, don't expect miracles with the small 2.0 engines as found in the Nissans.