

Hidden Cache Prepper Bartering Checklist

Barter: exchange goods or services for other goods or services, without money.

Popular Items to Barter

- ☐ Bottled Water
- ☐ Water Purification supplies
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Precious Metals / Coins / Jewelry
- ☐ Coffee And Tea
- ☐ Honey (tremendous medicinal value as well as a natural sweetener)
- ☐ High-proof alcohol (medicinal value as well as a comfort item)
- ☐ Cigarettes! (a purely comfort item that commands a premium)
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Personal care products (deodorant / lotion / perfume / bar soap / shampoo / Vaseline etc.)
- ☐ Toilet Paper and Baby Wipes (Baby Wipes are hugely versatile)
- ☐ Feminine Hygiene products
- ☐ First Aid Kit (include Iodine / Witch Hazel / Rubbing Alcohol / Hydrogen Peroxide)
- ☐ Medical Supplies (bandages / gauze / Vaseline, etc.)
- ☐ Antibiotics / Pain Meds / Nausea & Antidiarrheals / Cold & Flu meds, etc.
- ☐ Fire-starting supplies (lighters / matches / charcoal / wood / Butane / Propane / Alcohol)
- ☐ Fishing and hunting supplies
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Emergency Blankets (several dozen, at least)
- ☐ Shoes and Clothing (including hats / gloves & mittens / scarves / socks)
- ☐ Sewing supplies
- ☐ Books (survival books as well as general topic books)
- ☐ Toys & Games
- ☐ A decent set of hand tools
- ☐ Zip Ties and Bungee Cords (multiples in various sizes)
- ☐ Rope (paracord / twine / nylon rope)
- ☐ Cheap Flashlights (barter batteries separately!)
- ☐ Glue (Super Glue / Wood Glue / other heavy-duty glues for daily repair uses)
- ☐ Tape (Duct / Electrical / Painter's / Packing)
- ☐ Black Trash Bags (hugely versatile and an essential for daily living)
- ☐ Unscented Bleach (use for water purification & sanitation)
- ☐ Batteries (AAA / AA / C / D / 9V / Specialty)

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Tips!

1. Your knowledge and skills are the most valuable assets you possess.
2. Your presence is invaluable. Use it wisely.
3. Only barter the items you can safely and comfortably live without.
4. Agree in advance on the fair value of the goods and services being traded.
5. Be creative: trade a cooked meal or food for a day's work!
6. Never attempt to barter worthless items. You risk being kicked out of the group or worse.
7. Never attempt to cheat others- the situation is already dangerous!
8. Bartering or attempting to barter illegal street drugs and pharmaceutical narcotics is dangerous and could make you a target.
9. The same goes for large caches of weapons and military-grade equipment. Tread lightly.
10. Consider temporarily loaning items such as a small generator, charging cables or other high value items to trusted friends and family in exchange for labor or handyman services.

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