

10 Multipurpose Items for Your Bug Out Bag

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The Best Survival Gear for Your Bug Out Bag

There are literally hundreds of items (big and small) to consider when packing your bug out bag (<http://survivallife.com/bug-out-bags-go-into/>). It's the one bag in the home that has been packed and repacked over and over. Your mind constantly changes and items get replaced by newer or different items. The next thing you know, those 'replaced items' get packed back into the bag to go with the item(s) you replaced them with, etc. Before you know it, you have a bag packed full of survival gear! Every person with a bug out bag knows exactly what I'm talking about.

What word needs don't consider in the business state of person's life? (Use the business person's life when you look on item, you should not know) **Does this item have multiple correct ones?**

Not that an item that has only one intended use is a bad thing, but when packing a bug out bag, you should try to think of multiple uses for every item. For myself, I like to have at least two or three survival uses for something. This method saves space and time.

It is important to remember that you do not want your bug out bag to be too heavy because if you are ever faced with an emergency and have to travel on foot, you do not want too much extra weight on your back. (Easier said than done, I know.)

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I have made a list of 10 items that have multiple uses and they will not take up a lot space in your bug out bag, which is a plus!

1. Multi-Tool (https://survivalife.com/gear-skills/t/edit-best-multi-tool/?utm_source=website&utm_medium=blog&utm_campaign=SL10multipurposeitemsforyourBOB061716)



Uses:

- Cut or saw wood
- Building a shelter
- Open cans
- Cut cordage
- Strip wire
- File things down (wood, soft metal, etc)
- Can be used as a screwdriver (most multi-tools have phillips and flat head attachments)

...And so much more! The uses for a multi-tool are almost limitless!

2. Duct Tape (<http://survivalife.com/34-ways-to-use-duct-tape-for-survival/>)





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Uses:

- Repair numerous things - like your shelter, for example
- Apply for extra security on bandages
- To make coverage

Dust Tape - (http://idkinklinksgartner.com/mvdr.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fidkinklinksgartner.com%2Fsearch.php%2Fform_keywerth%2Ddust%2Dtape) is a necessity in any type of survival kit or bag. Tip: To save on space, wrap dust tape (http://idkinklinksgartner.com/mvdr.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fidkinklinksgartner.com%2Fsearch.php%2Fform_keywerth%2Ddust%2Dtape) around an store gift card (an invalid one of course) or something of similar shape that is also flat. Wrap the dust tape around the gift card about 10 times and keep 3 or 4 of these in your bug out bag. You'll be surprised how much tape you will actually have on hand using this method. It takes up almost no space at all.

3. Bandana



(Image via <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:bandana>)

Uses:

- Signal device (bright colored ones are perfect for signaling)
- Bandage
- Cordage (rip into sections and tie sections together)
- Use as head protection (wrap around your head + mouth area or use as a hat to protect yourself against the elements - cold, heat, etc.)
- Make a life carrying bag

Since bandanas are lightweight and take up such little space, I recommend carrying 5 in your bug out bag.

4. Tarp



(Image via https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pitch_tarp_and_rope_shelter_485C.JPG)

Uses:

- Shelter
- Signaling device
- A cover to keep your things dry
- A makeshift hammock to keep you off the ground

5. Paracord (<http://survivalife.com/paracord>)



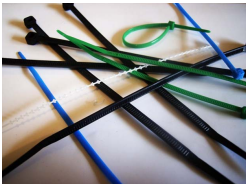
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Uses:

- Building a shelter
- Assembling a snare
- Climbing and descending (I typically carry 100 cord which would be safe for 1 person to use for this purpose)
- Security for a makeshift sling or splint for an injury
- Making a line

Check out this awesome article, 80 Uses for Paracord (<http://survivalife.com/80-uses-for-paracord/>), for more great ideas!

6. Zip Ties



(Image via https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Cable_ties)

Uses:

- Gear repair
- Attach items to the outside of your pack or your belt
- Secure shelter

7. Garbage Bags



(Image via <https://www.flickr.com/photos/jepennedra/15173145880/>)


Uses:

- Potable
- Shelter
- Container for water
- Water proof protection for your gear
- Stuff garbage bags (http://idkinklinksgartner.com/mvdr.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fidkinklinksgartner.com%2Fsearch.php%2Fform_keywerth%2Dgarbage%2Dbags) with leaf debris (can be used as insulation in cold weather or simply as a pillow)
- Use as a carrying container for random items you may find along the way. (If you are in a true wilderness survival situation always be on the lookout for things you can use. Remember, Another man's trash is another man's treasure)


8. Whistle






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