

# EQUIPPING FOR COUNTRY LIVING

(Prices as of Spring 2010)

How will we be a help and a witness to others if we are unprepared ourselves and dependent on the systems of the world?

(This following equipment list is not exhaustive. Some of the items below are optional.)  
Please do not feel overwhelmed that you will need to purchase everything on this equipment list. These are just suggestions and will vary depending upon your budget and location)

- WATER
- HEAT
- FOOD
- MISC.

## WATER

- Water Filters
  - Berkey Light, filters up to 6,000 gals. \$209-279.00, [www.berkeywater.com](http://www.berkeywater.com)
  - British Berkefeld, filters up to 6,000 gals. \$249.00, [www.jamesfilter.com](http://www.jamesfilter.com)
  - Katadyn TRK Drip Filter, filters up to 39,000 gals. \$199.90, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
- Gasoline Water Pump
  - Honda WH15 water pump approx. \$669.95 pl. S & H, [www.hondapowerequipment.com/products/Models.aspx?page=models&section=P2WP](http://www.hondapowerequipment.com/products/Models.aspx?page=models&section=P2WP)
- Gasoline and Diesel Stabilizers for water pumps
  - Power Research inc., PRI-G (gasoline), PRI-D (Diesel) Can stabilize up to 10 yrs. depending on initial fuel quality and storage conditions, etc. [www.priproducts.com](http://www.priproducts.com)
- GRUNDFOS WATER PUMPS, these pumps work well in water systems that are off the power grid. The SQ Flex submersible series can be directly powered by solar or run on an inverter, a generator, a battery, the utility grid, or any combination of these sources. These pumps can also be run off of 30-300v DC and 90-240v AC. [www.envisupply.com/pumps/well\\_pumps.htm](http://www.envisupply.com/pumps/well_pumps.htm) [www.backwoodssolar.com](http://www.backwoodssolar.com)

## HEAT

- Good Quality Wood Stoves
  - Jotul Wood Stoves, various cast iron models, Norway since 1853, [www.jotul.com](http://www.jotul.com)
  - Lopi Wood Stoves, cast iron and various plate steel models, USA, [www.lopifire.com](http://www.lopifire.com)
  - Vermont Castings Wood Stoves, various cast iron models, USA, [www.vermontcastings.com](http://www.vermontcastings.com)

### Cast Iron vs. Plate Steel Wood Stoves

“Cast iron has always been the preferred material of the skilled stove maker because it is extremely hard wearing and durable. Because of this, Cast Iron Stoves generally last longer than Plate Steel Stoves.

“Cast Iron Stoves store and distribute heat more evenly and for a considerably longer period than any other materials used in stove manufacture.”

Even though cast iron is the preferred material for wood stoves there are many good quality plate steel and soap stone wood stove manufacturers such as Blaze King, Lopi, Silent Flame, Hearth Stone, etc. Be sure and research before you purchase because there are many so desirable wood stove manufacturers on the market.

- Good Quality Wood Cook Stoves
  - Flame View, Bakers Choice, Kitchen Queen and Pioneer Maid. One fire cooks, bakes, preserves food, de-hydrates your food, heats your home and heats your hot water. Watch our DVD “Getting Started with Wood Cook Stoves”. [www.stovesandmoreonline.com](http://www.stovesandmoreonline.com)
- Good Quality Chain Saws
  - **Husqvarna** (Husky) Manufactures in 3 grade levels, 1. “Occasional user” grade\*, 2. “Farmer/Rancher” grade, 3. “Professional” grade, Made in Sweden

- **Stihl**, Manufactures in the 3 grade levels mentions above, Made in Germany Very good quality, one of the best made.

\* “Occasional user” grade not recommended.

For the home owner that heats with wood possibly the best chain saw, for the money, is the Stihl MS 290 “Farm Boss”. Approx. retail price - \$300 - 400.00.

- Crosscut Saws

- Most widely used wood cutting device before the advent of the chain saw.  
[www.traditionalwoodworker.com](http://www.traditionalwoodworker.com) for good quality German made saws.  
[www.crosscutsaw.com](http://www.crosscutsaw.com) last crosscut saw manufacturer left in USA. Highly recommend ordering the “Crosscut Saw Manual” from the above website. Well worth the money. \$4.00, Also [www.jimscrosscutsaws.com](http://www.jimscrosscutsaws.com) for someone who reconditions and sharpens saws.

- Misc. Firewood Tools

- Wood Splitting Maul
- Steel Wedge
- Sledge Hammer
- Log Lifter
- Axe, Snow& Nealley, Maine since 1864, Lifetime Guarantee, [www.snowandnealley.com](http://www.snowandnealley.com)
- Sharpening Files and File Guide
- PRI-G, Gasoline, Chain Saw Gas-Mixing Oil, Bar Oil, Ear Plugs, Wood cutting Chaps
- Firewood Carrier.
- **Extra Firewood and Garden Tool handles**

## FOOD

- **Fall Gardening & Fruit Culture**, DVD set produced by Mountain Media Ministries

- How to prepare a new garden bed.
- How to take accurate soil tests.
- How to interpret the soil test report.
- Discover what amendments are in harmony with biological gardening.
- Gain insight into planting a fall garden.

- Learn how to plant fruit trees and vines.
  - Also, Grape culture, Pruning fruit trees, and much more is interspersed with many tidbits of practical country living wisdom.
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- **Spring Gardening**, DVD set produced by Mountain Media Ministries. The methods demonstrated in Fall and Spring Gardening come from the aspect of growing the most nutritious food possible for health as well as independence from the systems of the world. “Spring Gardening” picks up where “Fall Gardening” leaves off.
    - How to prepare your garden in the Spring for planting.
    - How to prepare your seeds, care for the plants as they grow, transplanting and more.
    - Field Planting Methods, for those who want to implement a large scale crop.
    - And step by step construction of a compost bin which will help provide nutritious food for your garden.
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- **Planting by the Blue Print**, DVD produced by Mountain Media Ministries
    - Master gardener Lynn Hoag demonstrates, step-by-step, a tried and true method that has yielded bountiful results.
    - The Ellen G. White Method as given to her “during the night season”.
    - This Divine method will grow trees, especially fruit trees (and any deep rooted plants or vines), faster, many times larger and will not only help fruit trees yield more fruit but it will help them yield sooner. Use this method for tomato plants.
    - Lynn demonstrates step by step how to implement this amazing method of planting trees. (especially fruit trees)
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- Gardening Hand Tools - Buy good quality so you only have to buy them once.
    - GARDEN or DIGGING FORK - one of the first and most important garden tools to have, buy one that will last, Stockton Heath, Spear and Jackson, both brands are forged in England, the English have been gardening for hundreds of years....they know how to make garden tools. <https://www.shovelandhoe.com/index.php?crn=212> or can order from local hardware or garden stores. Also Clarington Forge Tools at <http://www.johnnyseeds.com/c-470-clarington-forge-tools.aspx>
  - HOE, Rigid (Home Depot), Vigoro, etc.

- ROUND NOSE SHOVELS, Rigid (Home Depot), Vigoro, etc.
- FLAT NOSE SHOVELS, Rigid (Home Depot), Vigoro, etc.
- STEEL RAKE
- HAND TROWEL, for planting, transplanting and other operations.
- EXTRA HANDLES FOR ALL GARDEN TOOLS ARE ESSENTIAL!!!!
- WATERING WAND, for gentle watering of plants.
- PRUNING SHEARS, Corona and other good quality shears.
- WHEEL BARROW, “Jackson” heavy duty contractor grade 6 cu. ft. heavy gauge seamless steel tray (Blue), Sealed hardwood handles, ball bearing wheel with flat free tire and grease fitting for wheel axle. Can order from Ace Hardware Stores.
- TILLER/CULTIVATOR, Troy-Bilt Garden Tiller, [www.troybilt.com](http://www.troybilt.com) and [www.bcs-america.com](http://www.bcs-america.com)

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Mechanic’s Hand Tool Set, Craftsman Tools from Sears and K-Mart with a life time warranty. Watch for sales.
- WHEAT MILL, Country Living Grain Mills, simply the best manual wheat mill made, for the money, and can be converted to electric, [www.cometothecountry.com](http://www.cometothecountry.com) The handyman can save by matching the correct gear motor from [www.surpluscenter.com](http://www.surpluscenter.com) to the CL Grain Mill. Final RPM’s of mill should not be greater than 55-60. (Increased RPM’s would destroy nutrients) The diameter of the pulley on the mill is 12”.
- WHEAT, Wheat Montana for some of the best and most nutritious wheat berries available. <http://www.wheatmontana.com/>
- PRESSURE CANNERS, for canning food from the garden and orchard. The All American Pressure Canner has no gaskets that can go bad. [www.pressurecooker-outlet.com](http://www.pressurecooker-outlet.com)
- [www.freshpreserving.com](http://www.freshpreserving.com) for valuable information about canning.

- GOOD USED 4-WHEEL DRIVE PICK UP TRUCK, for hauling fire wood, haul building materials for your mountain home and other out buildings, haul supplies for your garden.....unlimited uses.
- GOOD USED 4-WHEEL DRIVE TRACTOR W/LOADER, the best brands to consider - John Deere, Ford (no longer made but parts still available) and Kubota. A tractor equipped with a loader is like having one or more extra “hired hands” working for you.
- QUALITY HYDROTHERAPY PRODUCTS, Hydrotherapy is an integral part of our duties as Medical Missionaries here at the end of time. “Physicians report hydrotherapy treatments reduced fatalities significantly during past flu pandemics.” Donna Shurley, Custom manufacturer of Hydrotherapy Products. [dpshurley@gmail.com](mailto:dpshurley@gmail.com), (423) 903-5041
- COMMUNICATIONS: During a sever national emergency possibly the only way of communicating across the state or across the nation is via ham radios. Ham radios can transmit and receive by using power from just a 12 volt vehicle battery. Shortwave radios with single side ban (SSB) capabilities can receive many ham radio signals but cannot transmit. As of this date (Feb. 2010) we are not required to have a ham radio license to own a ham radio and listen (receive) to it. However you are required by the FCC to have a license to transmit from it. Below are links to some of the best ham radio and shortwave radio packages, for the money:

Grundig G4000A Shortwave Radio Super Special  
<http://www.universal-radio.com/catalog/portable/4000.html>

ICOM 706 Mark II G ham radio  
<http://www.universal-radio.com/CATALOG/hamhf/3450.html>

- WELDER, Lincoln Electric Welders and equipment. For equipment repair on the homestead. [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com) Don't forget the Welders Handbook....also at Home Depot for \$22.49. This is a very good instructional handbook not only for the beginner but also for the experienced welder.
- REPAIR MANUALS for everything on the homestead are essential for the end times. One cannot over estimate the importance of having these available when they are needed.
- ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS, OutBack Power Systems manufactures some of the best AE equipment in the business.  
 AE Dealers: [www.stovesandmoreonline.com](http://www.stovesandmoreonline.com), [www.backwoodssolar.com](http://www.backwoodssolar.com), [www.thesolar.biz](http://www.thesolar.biz)  
[www.newenglandsolar.com](http://www.newenglandsolar.com), [www.solar-electric.com](http://www.solar-electric.com)

- GENERATORS, Probably the best gasoline generators are manufactured by Honda. If one is wanting to purchase a gasoline generator the EU6500 is a good choice for a small to moderate size off-the-grid cottage. The approx. price is \$3,700.00. A hardline or wireless remote starting system is available for this model. See a Honda dealer or go online for prices.

Diesel generators generally last much longer, are more fuel efficient and can run on alternative fuels but they cost more to purchase. Some of the best diesel generators are manufactured by Perkins, Isuzu, Kubota, and Onan. (Yanmar also manufactures a very good diesel engine) Don't settle for any diesel generators that typically operate faster than 1800 RPM's. [www.centralmainediesel.com](http://www.centralmainediesel.com) [www.hardydiesel.com](http://www.hardydiesel.com)

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and

[www.UrbanDanger.com](http://www.UrbanDanger.com)

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