



Urban Survival: Shelter Tips

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Finding Shelter In Urban Areas

Rural survival areas can be self-sustaining, but they have a different set of resources available compared to urban living spaces.

- Urban survival is very misunderstood.
- If you don't live in an urban area, you may think you don't need urban survival skills, but you really do.
- Urban survival is NOT a zombie fantasy. You never know when you might be in an urban area, or be passing through one, when disaster happens.

1. Stay "Home"

Surviving in place at your home or wherever you're staying is your first option.

- You'll generally know the geographic area very well if you're surviving in place.
- While you can "dig in," no home is truly a fortress. All are vulnerable to attack to varying degrees. Beware overconfidence.
- When your home location becomes untenable due to hostile action or environmental danger, you may need to bug out.

2. Your Vehicle

Your vehicle is ready-made, secure shelter.

- It is very likely mobile (barring break-down)
- It is small and easier to heat and conceal.
- There's not much storage space, though.
- Vehicles are attractive targets for those searching for resources.

3. Abandoned Buildings

These may be more tactically advantageous than your "home" location.

- There might be supplies available here.
- Make sure the structure is intact and not hazardous to your safety.
- Schools, libraries, and churches make good options. Convenience stores may have supplies but will be common targets.
- Make sure they're really abandoned and be aware they might attract looters.

4. Parking Garages

They offer high-ground perspective, or can.

- They're made of concrete and very strong.
- Feature multiple entries/exits; may have and can accommodate large vehicles.
- They might be high-traffic areas, though, and can be magnets for looters.

5. Subways and Tunnels

Many people don't even know these exist.

- Check maintenance rooms for tech, supplies.
- Many cities have abandoned subways.
- There may be dangerous electrical supplies and frequent locked, sturdy barriers in place.
- A tunnel is a ready-made "fatal funnel."

6. Parks And Graveyards

There's not a lot to loot in these locations.

- These often have water access and cover.
- They're wide open and not easy to hide in, so your positioning really matters.

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