



Step-By-Step Urban Survival Caching

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We Answer Listener Questions

Ryan in Lubbock, Texas asks, “How do you plant a cache, as in below ground, in an urban area, say between work and home, without drawing the attention of everyone in the vicinity?”

What Is A Cache?

A cache is a “secret supply” of survival back-up items.

- It’s typically hidden somewhere in your environment or along a route of travel.
- You can use it as backup for your primary supplies.
- It can be above ground or below ground.

Why Cache?

Preppers LOVE “gear”... but it’s no good if you can’t get to it. There are LOTS of reasons you might not be able to get to your “regular” gear:

- You’re at work and not near your primary gear stash
- An instant disaster separates you from your stuff
- Force evacuation takes place and you don’t have your gear
- Your gear is stolen, lost, damaged, or fails
- Remember, 2 is 1 and 1 is none. This is where a cache comes in handy.

What Should You Cache?

What should you cache... and what should you cache IN?

- 2 items: ammo can and packable backpack

- For shelter, you want a 50-gallon contractor bag, a lock pick set (this opens an entire world possible shelter and hiding places to you, giving you access to areas and supplies otherwise unavailable), and a map of the area (for rallying with family, locating hospitals and police, etc.).
- For food, back bugout bars (2400 calories, 5-year storage, available at **SurvivalFrog.com**).
- For water, pack a water bladder with an in-line filter.
- For security, a gun is up to you, but there are risks (it’s still your responsibility!)
- I pack extra ammo for whatever I’m carrying at the time, and an extra magazine.
- Include a multitool with a knife (the SOG PowerAccess with “compound leverage” is a good choice).
- Optional: Hat/Face Scarf/Your Own Ideas

How Do You Cache?

Caching can be done above or below ground. Even if you hide well, chances are good someone else can find your stuff above ground.

- Graveyards are a great spot, have low foot traffic, and are all over the place. They typically aren’t mobbed during civil unrest. Low lighting at night; you can even hide in broad daylight. Find one that allows planting silk or live plants and has 24/7 access.
- Locate a grave that’s an ideal hide location, which can be easily IDed later and doesn’t look like it’s frequently visited.
- Plant your “flowers” BEHIND if possible.

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