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SHTF Survival: A Person Is Only As Good As Their Tools

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In my quest for efficiency, a dear friend reminded me how important it was to have good, quality tools. "With the right tools," he said, "a person can finish the job in half the time it would take with average tools." That statement really got me thinking how important it is to have quality tools in a SHTF situation.

Good, quality tools are a sound investment that can last a lifetime if properly cared for. However, they do come at a price. Yes, a person can save a few bucks here and there on cheaper supplies, but the price could come at a cost. It could be an indicator of the lack of craftsmanship or sub par quality of the tool. In my opinion, in a dire situation, our tools are just as much part of our life line as our food and water.

Tools for a SHTF can be used to help chop firewood, build a shelter, fix fencing, cut back terrain and maintaining gardens. Many can find good tools at their hardware stores or local home and garden centers. Some preppers who are looking for Amish crafted tools can look at these websites [Lehman's](#) ^[1], or [Cottage Craftworks](#) ^[2] to find what they need.

- Bolt cutters
- Sledge hammer
- Crowbar
- Hammer
- Multi tool
- Knife
- Axe with a sharpening device
- Wedge to help in cutting firewood
- Hand saw with extra blades
- Machete
- Fencing pliers
- Wood saw
- Paracord
- Shovel
- Cordless drill set
- Gardening tools
- Emergency water filtration system with extra filters

One is None, Two is One

Having these tools on hand will help any person with their day to day chores in a homestead environment. But remember to have parts such as extra blades, sharpening tools and lubricants such as WD-40 to keep these solid investment items up to par. If a tool needs extra parts, invest in those when purchasing the tool.

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[1] Lehman's: http://www.lehmans.com/store/Tools_Farm?Args=&view_all=&sort_by=

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