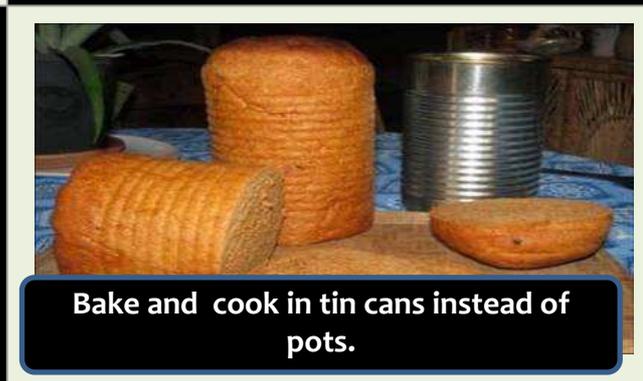


Seattle Emergency Hub's Top 10 Camping Hacks



✂ Use Scissors to cut out these useful cards- store in a ziploc with your emergency camping gear (flashlight, wind-up radio, water, food)

<p>DIY Water filter... Use a cone-shaped item (you can cut the top off of a 2-liter bottle) Place a small amount of fabric on the lip (small end) of the cone, tie it with string and place a container to catch water underneath. Fill cone with charcoal from a fire, clean sand small rocks, sand, and small rocks again. Pour contaminated water through the filter.</p>	<p>A warmer night's sleep... Sun guards used for car windshields work the same as expensive emergency blankets. They can be used to line coats, blankets, or as a sleeping pad under your sleeping bag.</p>
<p>AAA to AA... Use foil to resize a smaller battery into a larger one by adding foil to the negative charge side. <i>This could result in some funky electronic issues, so only do this in an emergency. It works!</i></p>	<p>Handy Lantern... Place a flashlight, headlamp or other bright light onto a water bottle or water jug for an easy diffused-light lantern. This is great in cars, tents, and other enclosed spaces.</p>
<p>FIRE- An open flame is a serious safety risk. Build a <u>small</u> fire in a safe place outdoors or in a fireplace only. Fold a square piece of aluminum foil (6 inch square) up on all sides (about an inch)... in the interior place a cotton ball coated in petroleum jelly (or more than one) and light.</p>	<p>Tin Can Pots... Tin cans can be used as pots, bowls, even bakeware. Heating foods in reused cans is an easy way to cook over a fire. A simple bread can even be cooked in a large can.</p>
<p>Hot water goes a long way.... Any remaining hot (not boiling) water after cooking can be placed into hard, plastic containers (shampoo bottles, water bottles) and placed into sleeping bags. Along with some warm clothes, this trick will keep you warm all night.</p>	<p>Keep Dry... You can use plastic tarps and bags to waterproof almost anything! A great tip is to line underneath your tent and the inside, floor of the tent to keep sleeping bags dry. Try a sun-guard for a sleeping pad and you should be warm too!</p>
<p>Handwashing is still important... Turn a large laundry soap container into a handwashing station. The built-in valve makes it east to dispense water and a little rope will turn the handle into a paper towel dispenser!</p>	<p>Everyone has got to go... Especially when camping with older folks, a temporary toilet is key. Place a bucket lined with a garbage bag under a milk crate. Cut a hole tin the center of the crate. Use an old toilet seat for extra comfort. Note: Some use kitty litter but wood shavings are more earth-friendly</p>