

Preventing Water freeze up in the Winter

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Backpack coolers used to store water and food.

I recently spent the good part of the day prepping and inventorying my bug out supplies, and preparing my KIA Soul for the upcoming winter weather. In this preparation I included adding various items of winter equipment to the car in case of an emergency on the road. These items included such things as extra winter clothing, fresh supply of food, and things like window ice scrapers, heaters, etc. As I finished up on the inventory and cleaned up the vehicle, I took several photos of the completed setup and posted it on the internet. All went very well, and I even got a question from one individual who saw the car, and responded concerning the winter water supply.

We all know that water remains one of the essential elements needed to keep in your car even in the wintertime. Emergencies do happen, and even new cars can become disabled in the wintertime. Nothing can be as uninviting as being stuck along the road in the winter weather. Water can keep you hydrated when you find yourself stuck in these snow and ice situations, and it can be used to reconstitute your emergency food supplies in an emergency. The person who saw my pictures of my BOV preps sent me an email inquiring how I am able to keep my water bottles from freezing in the dead of wintertime. Since I often keep some types of canned foods stored in my preps as well the same solution would apply to those cans which I do not want to freeze as the temperatures start to drop, and go down below 32 degrees.

Since I keep several ice coolers attached to the back of my rear seats, I have discovered that one can be used to hold a one-gallon container of drinking water, while the second one can be employed to serve as storage for several canned foods. These items can safely withstand the winter temperatures if placed in the insulated soda bags. No longer would you have to worry about the wintertime temperatures freezing your emergency supply of water. This process works successfully here in Delaware, and it would work well even in extreme temperature regions such as North Dakota.

The key here is to locate a well-insulated space where you can safely store these products. Naturally, you would not put any ice in the cooler containers, but be sure to zip them up, and keep them closed. I am just providing a hint on keeping your canned foods, and bottles of water from freezing by using small, plastic, insulated soda chests, or insulated ice chests. So far nothing has ever frozen with this arrangement.