

# 17 Skills Everyone In Your Family Should Learn

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Some essential skills all members of your team must know:

1. [Acquiring water and making it potable](#)
2. Building a fire
3. [Canning and preserving food](#)
4. Chopping wood / Splitting kindling
5. Cleaning fish or game
6. Climate control (operating the [off-grid heating system](#))
7. [Cooking off grid](#)
8. [Doing laundry by hand](#)
9. [First aid](#)
10. Foraging and [identifying edible plants](#)
11. [Gardening/farming](#)
12. Home repair (basics like patching a leaking roof or repairing an entry)
13. Hunting
14. [Communications](#) (includes acquisition of news, as well as secure two-way communications between members)
15. Sewing / Mending
16. [Shooting](#) (defense)
17. [Wilderness survival](#) skills