

PREPAREDNESS/SURVIVAL CLASS

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR \$1400 STIMULUS CHECK

It sounds like we are going to receive some of our tax dollars back from the government bureaucrats, if they can ever quit fighting amongst themselves and actually get something done. The big question is what do you do with the extra \$1400? Well that all depends on you and your current financial state and what items you need to get in order to be prepared for the next crisis or emergency, whatever that might be. If you need that money for emergencies like unpaid rent or utilities, a vehicle that needs repairing or you just want to pay down some debt, then by all means do that. If, on the other hand, this is actually extra money that can be spent on preparedness items then these are some recommendations of what to buy based on you falling into one of these two categories:

(1) A new prepper (newbie) this list is from the Canadian Prepper Youtube channel

\$400 – On food – get extra of what you normally eat from the grocery store

\$200 – On water – means of storage and purification (5 gal stackable totes & Sawyer or Katadyn purification filters)

\$400 – On security – 12ga or 20ga shotgun & ammo (this will be a hard one)

\$150 – On shelter (warmth) - Portable Buddy Propane Heater & hose for 20 lb tank attachment

\$ 50 – On comms (communications) – Baofeng ham radio or pair of FRS/GMRS walkie talkies

\$ 50 – On medical - a decent first aid kit (add some extra personal items into kit)

\$ 25 – On lighting – get the 3 pack of Duracell LED 500 lumen flashlights at Costco

\$ 125 – On solar – like solar charger & panel combo to trickle charge your electronics

\$1400 spent

(2) A seasoned prepper (pro) my list based on having many of the basics & getting \$2800 for two people

\$300 – On more food – canned food from the grocery store & #10 cans of freeze dried meat

\$300 – On water – another Berkey purification system (because 2 is 1 and 1 is none)

\$350 – On security – window security laminate for my 2 living room windows facing the street

\$150 – On shelter – extra Portable Buddy Propane Heater & hose for 20 lb tank attachment

\$200 – On medical – another IFAK/Trauma kit

\$350 – On power – extra generator – Firman 2000watt Gas Inverter Generator (\$349 @ Costco)

\$700 – On new tires for SUV

\$200 – On delivery of firewood

\$2550 spent (\$250 left for emergencies)

How you spend your stimulus money is totally up to you. The last time we got our stimulus money back in 2020 I paid our house payment 2 months ahead, bought 1500 rounds of ammo and got a German Shepherd. All I'm suggesting is that you think about all your needs and carefully plan out how to spend this money wisely. It might be the last stimulus money you see for a long, long time so make it count. If you have all of your basic prepping items covered then use some of this money for training to sharpen your skills. Consider taking a firearms shooting or CCW class or a medical training class like "Stop the Bleed" or "TCCC Training" class. Keep prepping, keep training and stay safe out there.