

## **Kill Kit**

*\*Some of the things in this kit are redundant with the first aid kit. They can be eliminated if you're saving weight for a backpack hunt, but some of y'all will only carry one kit or the other kit.\**

*\*\*This kit should be modified for the type of hunting you're doing and when you've got your kits done, you can simply leave them alone and know what's in there. Thus, when you pack your day pack or spike camp bag or whatever – you simply grab the first aid kit, electronics kit, kill kit and survival kit and go. I believe it simplifies things a great deal. All my kits are kept in Kifaru small/medium zippered pull out bags. Some folks combine their kits in order to save weight and that's cool too, but saving weight has drawbacks. I carry a little more weight and just hike slower. That's my style – slow hunt. \*\**

- O Knife (currently running an Argali Carbon, I will run a Boone and Crocket Edition Buck Ultralight Folder as a pocketknife, but I've skinned and deboned an elk with that little thing too. I have also used and liked the 15200 Altitude by Benchmade. I don't like the disposable razor type blades.)
- O Sharpener
- O Latex Gloves (3 pair)
- O 550 Cord (used to tie an animal's leg off to a branch, when you don't have a buddy to hold a leg)
- O Athletic tape (probably ½ a roll, this is the one tape that will secure a bandage to a wound that you can tear with one hand and your teeth, if you cut your hand and have to doctor it you'll be doing it with one hand and your teeth, trust me I know.)
- O Super glue (in a multi-pack of little foil tubes)
- O Zip lock bag with about 8 paper towels in it (Clean high-quality paper towels work better than any gauze pad or bandage I've ever used. Fold a towel into a thick strip to wrap an extremity or into a pad for a bodily wound, whatever the situation dictates, then tape the wound tightly until the bleeding stops. When the bleeding stops, take off the bandage and super glue the wound.)
- O Zip lock bag with: tag and/or permit, license, pen, blank index card or toe tag and "downed animal plan" (The index card or toe tag is to mark the animal as mine, as some states require such a tag when you drop the animal off or it changes possession, so I just make one. The plan is for long range big game hunts, when I'm probably tired and don't want to forget steps in the process. It happens, so write a plan on a scrap of paper and stick it in there. There's a reason that pilots, no matter how experienced use a "preflight checklist" every time – it's called gravity. So, I include a simple "downed animal plan.")
- O Small saw
- O Trail marking tape (blood trailing)
- O Reflective twist ties (blood trailing at night, work way better than thumbtacks)
- O Wet wipes in a zip lock bag (clean up after, your knife, saw, arms, etc)

O White plastic grocery bags (4 of them, they'll be great to put your used latex gloves and wet wipes in to pack them out. If you're in a bear area, you'll need to cut a sapling and pound it into the ground in your carcass. Tie a big length of trail marking tape on the top of the stake and then also tie a white plastic grocery bag to the stake. It will help you identify it with binoculars from long range. Those bags make a bunch of noise in the wind and for some reason critters, bears included don't like it. Glass the carcass from the longest range possible. If the stake is down, a bear may have claimed your carcass. If that's the case approach with caution. If your animal is completely boned out, tie the grocery bags to the bottom branches of the tree your meat is hanging in. Also, this works in a high-density coyote area. The wind blowing through those trash bags just helps keep critters away.)

O Glow stick or snap light stick (perfect for marking an animal's location when you're returning in the dark; blood trail it, find it, do your work and before you pack out the first load mark the location on your GPS. If you intend to return in the dark, then snap a glowstick and hang it up above your animal. If you're in a bear area, see above plastic trash bag technique above, but also consider taping a glowstick to the top of the stake you put the trash bag on)