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JUST IN CASE

You never know when you'll have to dig yourself out of an avalanche, so the "All Purpose Survival Tool" performs the tasks of a shovel, hammer, saw, hatchet, bottle opener, nail puller, and wrench. It also has a built-in survival kit containing matches, fishhooks and line, nails, and other useful (and potentially life-saving) items. \$20, gaiam.com



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LEAD THE WAY

In the ever-important quest to lower the weight of one's hiking gear, we present to you the multi-talented "LightCap," a water bottle and LED lantern all in one. No need for cranking, shaking, or (the horror!) carrying extra batteries—it's solar powered! \$25, sollight.com



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TAKE CHARGE

This hand-crank-powered "6-in-1" safety device contains a cell-phone charger, super-bright LED flashlight, FM radio, signal flasher, siren, and compass. One minute of cranking will give you an hour of flashlight power. \$40, lifegearcompany.com