It almost seems like many of us have forgotten about the old simple and effective ways of doing things. These days we have so much technology and many fancy gadgets that do many of these things for us, that we have forgotten how our grandparents and great grandparents used to get by...

Gadgets are all well and good, and to be honest, I love my gadgets! The problem with relying on them is that you no longer learn the basic skill required to achieve the task they accomplish. The thing is - what happens if there is no electricity or batteries? What happens if your clean running water stops running? We rely on these things so much, many of us would be helpless without them. Check out the 10 survival and homesteading hacks from 100 years ago. I love the one in the photo above, which is done to help light a match in windy conditions.