

fittings welded near the top of each end of the tank. The bags are then laid in the bottom of the hole.

Even with the tar coating and cathodic protection, the shelter might develop corrosion problems 50 years from now. If that worries you, a fiberglass coating is available too. If our great grand children are inconvenienced by shelter corrosion 50 years from now, we shall be very fortunate indeed. Also, income from the money saved by using steel rather than concrete would rebuild the shelters every 20 years.

There is an ongoing debate between those who advocate single purpose shelters and those who advocate dual use. Except in new construction, dual use makes the shelter a lot more expensive. Just the blast and radiation problems of normal walk-in entryways add substantially to costs.

The bottom line is this. You, your family, and your neighbors need protection now. Not next year. Not when you happen to get enough money together for a fancy dual use or luxury shelter. You need the shelter now. If you can afford a fancy one, go ahead and build it - providing you build it big enough for all of your neighbors. If not, don't wait for more money or a "better" time. Provide all of the nuclear weapons protection that you can afford now. Do it now.

Either that or figure out just how you will cope with the death of those for whom you are responsible (probably a slow, lingering, painful, horrible death over several weeks), because you procrastinated on their defense.

NUCLEAR WAR SURVIVAL SKILLS

In March 1987 we will publish the updated and expanded 1987 edition of the book Nuclear War Survival Skills by Cresson H. Kearny. This book belongs in every American household without exception.

During the 1970's a unique research and development program was conducted at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Realizing that the American government was not providing for the nuclear defense of its people and that the excellent shelter systems that had been developed were not being built, these scientists developed a remarkable array of expedient, do-it-yourself techniques.