

Stay warm and dry  
**Shmangle festival blanket**  
\$50 | [www.shmangle.com](http://www.shmangle.com)

Last year it was all about the Slanket, but in 2010 the Shmangle edges it as the best festival blanket. The built-in hood means it's ideal for chilly nights and it makes you look like a druid, which is a bonus. Better still, it's waterproof, and can be used as a rain smock or for crashing out on wet ground.



Gadget juice  
**Veho Pebble Portable Charger**  
\$tbc | [www.boiatrade.com](http://www.boiatrade.com)

For all of our bleating about solar, wind and hand-powered gadget chargers, at a festival you can't guarantee any of them will work. Take a high-capacity battery with you then. Juice up the 5000mA Pebble before you go and it'll recharge your iPhone four times.



Versatile snapper  
**Sony DSC-HX5V**  
\$649 | [www.sony.co.uk](http://www.sony.co.uk)

Stuff's favourite travel camera is equally suited to festivals. The 10MP sensor captures great photos day and night, the 10x zoom and 1080i video mean you can shoot Jack White's fret work in hi-def and the Sweep Panorama can capture the whole crowd.



Waterproof baggage  
**OverBoard Premium Waterproof Backpack**  
\$80 | [www.over-board.co.uk](http://www.over-board.co.uk)

If God expresses His displeasure at your festival debauchery by unleashing the torrents on Glastonbury, you need to be prepared. This 25-litre backpack has a roll top for complete waterproofing and will bob around, keeping all of your gadgets dry even if your tepee is submerged.



# HOW TO SURVIVE A FESTIVAL

## PITCH SMARTER

Don't be the guy who needs a canoe to get to his drowned tent. Pitch towards the top of a hill, away from any obvious water courses, and avoid paths, as what you gain in accessibility, you lose in privacy, security and quietness. If there are trees, pitch under them – the shade will keep your tent cooler. Or set up a gazebo or tarp over your tent.

## SLEEP BETTER

As well as hi-fi earplugs for loud bands, make sure to take some standard earplugs to block the sound of the idiot with bongos playing through the night. Foam ones are cheap and comfy but Mighty Plugs (\$14, [beta-life.co.uk](http://beta-life.co.uk)) claim to block up to 34dB – more than any other mouldable design.

## SCREEN YOURSELF

You're going to be out all day and your mum is absolutely right – you can burn even if it's cloudy. There's little worse than trying to sleep in a baking tent when your back is covered in blisters.

## DRINK UP

Water keeps you alert and helps prevent hangovers, so drink plenty of it. Water on site is often expensive, so if you're not allowed to take in your own, buy one bottle from a vendor and refill it at the taps (normally next to the toilets).

## FIND A CURE

So you've ignored the above advice and drunk lots of beer without much water. To replace the minerals you'll have lost, take hydration aid Elete (from \$14, [eletewater.co.uk](http://eletewater.co.uk)) or Dioralyte (\$5 for six sachets, [boots.com](http://boots.com)) before bed, and again in the morning.

## COVER YOUR FEET

Any festival is a drop of water away from becoming a mud bath. Take wellies or waterproof footwear.

## CLEAN UP YOUR ACT

Baby wipes and waterless products such as Byoshower keep you clean, but they're not as good as a morning shower. Try the Pocket Shower (\$34, [gadgetshop.com](http://gadgetshop.com)), which holds ten litres.

## SPEND A PENNY

Relieve yourself in a Travel John (\$12, [funkyleisure.co.uk](http://funkyleisure.co.uk)), which turns nasty liquids into inoffensive gel.

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