

RADLANDS

A LIGHT LARP IN THE POST-APOCALYPSE

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Welcome to RADLANDS, your chance to get out and explore an exciting world for an afternoon!

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HOW TO SET UP A GAME.

- One player should be the **ORGANIZER**. They should read over and print out the components as instructed below. They will prepare an ENVELOPE for each SURVIVOR player, prepare TINS for the survivors to find, place the TINS in the location, and explain the play area to each player. TINS can be an Altoids mint tin or empty soup can. You can make some into RAD TINS by adding an LED Tea Light.
- The **LOCATION** should be a safe outdoor or indoor area that takes a couple minutes to walk around. Make sure you have permission to play there. If your play area is a public space, avoid peak traffic times. Prepare a MAP of the play area if possible and give one to each player, to help players stay in the play area. You can give locations thematic names on your map to add to the fun.
- Each **SURVIVOR** player will need a prepared ENVELOPE, a single shot Nerf-style dart gun, and a soft foam melee weapon like a Nerf sword. Wear sturdy, comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring drinking water. It helps to have a belt pouch, messenger bag, or backpack to carry things too.
- Each **ROTHEAD** player will need a face mask or bandanna to indicate they are a ROTHEAD. They will need a soft foam melee weapon, and some soft, throwable toys to use as RAD GRENADES. They may reuse thrown RAD grenades. Survivors may not use RAD grenades. Each Rothead will also need a prepared ENVELOPE, but they start already as a ROTHEAD and don't have a hidden type in their envelope. Mark 1 FOOD and 1 RAD on their ENVELOPE at the start. You'll want a ROTHEAD player for every 2-3 SURVIVOR players. The ORGANIZER can play as a ROTHEAD once the game starts.

HOW TO PLAY A GAME.

- Once the ORGANIZER has hidden all the tins, have the ROTHEADS enter the play area to set up ambushes or patrols as they see fit. Then allow the SURVIVORS to enter the play area to start looking for TINS. For an added challenge, start each SURVIVOR in a different location!
- Any player may call a **HALT** to game play for any issues that might arise during play, such as rules clarifications. Once the issue is resolved, you can call RESUME to continue the game. You are allowed to TEXT other players or the organizer with any questions, notifications, or clues.
- During any ENCOUNTER with Rotheads, be reasonable with your attacks. The first hit by either side ends the encounter. You do not have to hit hard: any touch with a melee weapon, dart, or grenade counts. Do NOT hit anyone in the face or head. CALL OUT if you are hit so the attacker knows to end the encounter.
- If anyone not playing the game asks what you're doing, explain it is just a game like Capture the Flag or Geocaching, and stop the game if they have any concerns.
- The game ENDS when all the Survivors have found enough food to win, or when all the TINS have been found, or after a set time (usually 2 hours). The ORGANIZER will notify all players when the game has ended. Have fun, and stay safe!

NOTE: SPOILERS AHEAD. STOP READING UNLESS YOU ARE AN ORGANIZER.

PRINT one sheet per player. Glue the Radlands summary and **one** tracker to the front of an Envelope. Glue the Hazards and Attacks guides to the back of the envelope. Tape a red marker to the envelope.

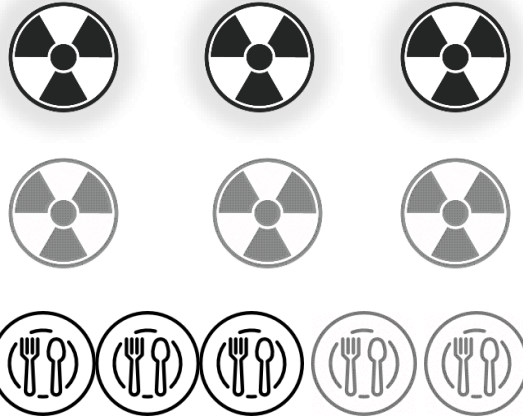
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You are a SURVIVOR. To win, you must mark 3 FOOD icons on your pouch before the 2 hour time limit. You must find TINS that contain RATION BARS to do this. TINS can contain other useful items- read the inside of the TIN to know more!

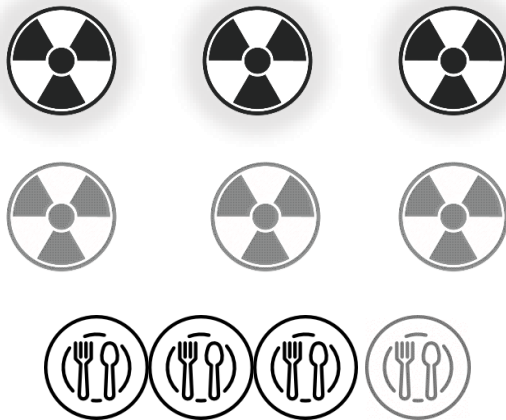
You want to avoid RAD. Each time you gain 1 RAD, mark a RAD marker icon to the right. If you ever LOSE RAD, cover a marked RAD with a sticker. IF you ever accumulate 3 RAD, you must open this pouch and read what is inside.

You have two hours to find TINS, avoid HAZARDS and attacking ROTHEADS, and try to win the game. Work with your fellow Survivors!

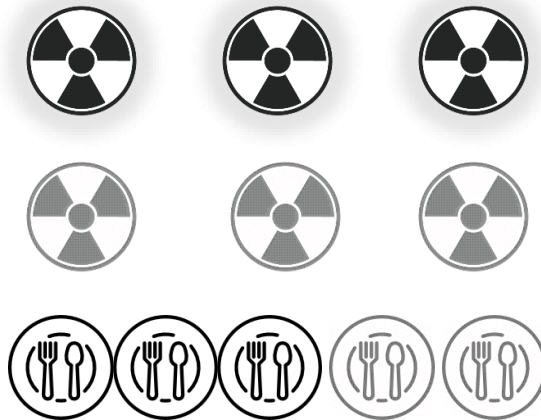
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RAD HAZARDS

As you explore, you may encounter HAZARDS that can inflict RAD damage on you. If any of the following hazards happens to you for any amount of time, mark the RAD on your envelope.

 **STEP IN WATER.** If you step in water deep enough to make a splash, you take 1 RAD.

 **INTERACT WITH A RAD-TIN.** If you open, touch, or move a glowing Rad-Tin, you take 2 RAD.


 **EXPOSURE.** Any time you are not standing on or touching a man-made part of the playfield, you must hold your breath, otherwise you take 1 RAD.

BUNKER VARIANT: Any time you are "outside" (with no roof overhead), you must hold your breath or take 1 RAD.

ROTHEAD ATTACKS

There are ROTHEAD creatures stalking you! You can recognize them by their gruesome masks.

If a ROTHEAD attacks, defend yourself with a DART GUN or MELEE WEAPON. If you hit the ROTHEAD before they hit you, it will drive them off- temporarily. If they have armor or a shield, you must hit an unprotected area. You may fire each dart only once, and may not reuse darts.

 If a ROTHEAD hits you with a MELEE WEAPON or flashing RAD GRENADE, you must mark one point of RAD. They will then run off for at least 1 minute. Don't bother attacking them until they return.

PRINT one set of TYPES per player. Randomly place one Type in each Envelope and seal it.

YOU ARE A ROTHEAD

Immediately RETREAT away from survivors.
You cannot be affected while retreating.
Keep any TINS and marked food you have on you.
IGNORE ALL RAD while you are a Rothead.

Periodically make a MELEE or RAD GRENADE ATTACK on Survivors. If you hit a survivor, they take 1 RAD. You must then RETREAT.
If you are SHOT or MELEED while attacking, you must drop one TIN if you have any, and RETREAT for at least one full Minute. If you are SHOT with a LITHIUM ROUND, you become a SURVIVOR.

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YOU ARE A CYBORG

You are no longer affected by EXPOSURE. You may not interact with RAD TINS.
If you are hit by an ATTACK, instead of taking RAD, you must remain inactive for 30 seconds (count out loud).
To WIN, you must ALSO collect 2 BATTERIES.

YOU ARE A SUPERMUTANT

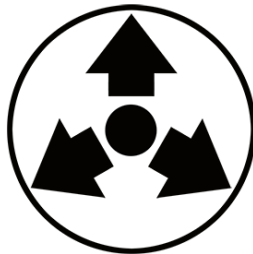
Remove ALL BUT ONE of your current RAD. The amount of FOOD you need to win is INCREASED by 1. Show this by CIRCLING an additional FOOD icon on your sheet.
Follow these instructions again EACH time you accumulate 3 RAD.

YOU ARE A GHOST

You cannot be affected in any way by RAD, Rotheads or Survivors. You cannot speak words. You may point out Tins but may not collect them.
Anyone you touch must remain inactive for 10 seconds (they must count out loud).
You WIN if ALL of the survivors either win OR if they ALL lose.

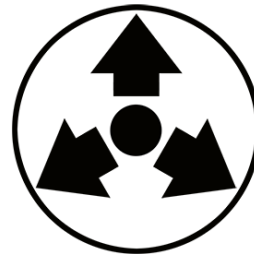
PRINT area limit signs and post them to warn players when they are leaving the play area.

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PRINT one page of GEAR for every 4 players. Cut out and put one type of item in each TIN. Mix and match 2 types in one tin if you like, especially a Battery with something else. Use Nerf darts for Rounds, chocolate bars or fruit snacks for Rations, and hard candies for Anti-Rad tablets.

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LITHIUM ROUNDS(2)

Immediately take 1 RAD from Exposure.

Each round may only be fired once.

A ROTHEAD hit with a Lithium round is immediately turned into a SURVIVOR, with one RAD, and current FOOD marked.

RAD SHIELD (GEAR)

While holding this gear, you may ignore RAD caused by RAD TINs or LITHIUM ROUNDS. You may only hold 2 GEAR at a time, including Dart Guns and Melee Weapons.

BATTERY

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ANTI-RAD TABLETS(2)

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RATION BARS(2)

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CHEM STICKS (2)

Consume 1 stick to mark 1 FOOD AND 1 RAD.

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REBREATHER (GEAR)

While holding this gear, you may ignore EXPOSURE hazards. You may only hold 2 GEAR at a time, including Dart Guns and Melee Weapons.