**FOAM COOLER SHELTERS**

1. Order cooler size #103 from [LoBoy.com](http://LoBoy.com). This thick-wall EPS foam cooler has walls that are 1.5” thick. Inside dimensions are 21” x 16 x 12”. Coolers come in cases of 6 for $40.50 plus shipping/handling (contact LoBoy for updated pricing). *Tip: freight costs will be substantially less if you ship to a business rather than a residential address.* You may be able to find free coolers by asking at pet stores and restaurants.

2. You can cut doors with a 6” diameter drill attachment (pictured), or use a standard box cutter. Remember; leave a couple of inches of Styrofoam at the bottom of the door opening to keep water out.

3. Add one or two coats of latex paint in to weatherproof your shelters. Don’t use spray paint as it will damage the Styrofoam. Choose muted paint colors that will blend in with the surroundings.

4. Cut and stick vinyl stick-on tiles to the shelter floor. These can easily be cut to fit.

5. Drill a hole on each side of the shelter floor so any water that enters the shelter can drain.

6. Add a roof with an overhang to prevent rain and snow from driving into the doors. You can use a piece of pressure-treated and painted plywood that’s been cut a couple of inches larger than the roof to cover one shelter. Or place a single piece of plywood across two shelters with the doors facing each other for maximum protection.

7. To further protect against rain leaking into the coolers at the lid seam, place an oversized piece of plastic sheeting between the plywood and the shelters. Try HDX 4 mil 3’ x 50’ clear plastic sheeting (pictured).

8. Weigh shelters down with bricks, pavers, or stones so they stay put when the weather turns stormy!

9. Keep the shelters off the ground with bricks or pavers (don’t block your drain holes).

10. Stuff the finished shelters with a generous amount of straw (not hay).