



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS FOR HORSES: EVACUATION CHECKLIST



Simple tools you'll need to build an evacuation kit for your horse:

- ☐ Large bin or tote with a lid—preferably a waterproof type
- ☐ Clear waterproof sealable plastic bags in multiple sizes
- ☐ A Sharpie-style writing utensil for labeling and marking contents
- ☐ Note pad for documenting special details and needs
- ☐ Pen or pencil
- ☐ One or two flash drives to store copies of paperwork (Copying all the information outlined in the following sections onto a flash drive will provide access if you're evacuated and unable to take the kit due to limited time. Having a backup flash drive that you provide to a friend or relative, is also a good idea so you have an alternate copy if you're unable to take the primary one with you.)

The following items need to be included in each evacuation kit and also stored on the flash drives:

Ownership Records:

- ☐ Breed registration papers
- ☐ Brand inspection
- ☐ Bill of Sale
- ☐ Insurance paperwork

Microchip Paperwork:

- ☐ Include copies of your horse's microchip paperwork. Update the address listed on the paperwork as needed to keep it accurate and current
- ☐ Consider enrolling your microchipped horse in a registry

Identification:

- ☐ Photos of brands
- ☐ Photos of you with the horse showing any unique markings or tattoos

If you're unable to evacuate with the horse, use one of the identification options below:

- ▶ Use spray paint or a livestock crayon to write your name, phone number, and address on the side of the horse.
- ▶ Use clippers to shave your phone number into the horse's coat.
- ▶ Braid a temporary ID tag with pre-written contact info into the horse's mane.
- ▶ Attach a neck band with your contact information.

Vaccination/Health Records:

- ☐ Copies of all current vaccination records
- ☐ Copies of Health Certificates

Medications:

Your vet's office may also be evacuated or closed during a wildfire, so this information will be important.

- ☐ A list of all current medicines and their associated doses
- ☐ If possible, keep an extra supply of medicine that your horse(s) need. Ensure each is labeled with the horse's name and a description if you have multiples (periodically check the expiration dates and replace as needed).



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Tack:

- ☐ Rope and halters
- ☐ If you're unable to evacuate with the horse and choose to let it loose, ensure the halter and rope are not made from a nylon material, since it could melt during fire's extreme temperatures.

List of important phone numbers:

Remember that cell phones and internet access could be temporarily out of service and you'll need a printed list to connect with these resources. Keep a clipboard of all the important numbers in a highly visible area in the barn in case you're not home and first responders are able to provide assistance.

- ☐ Veterinarian
- ☐ Local animal control agency
- ☐ Animal shelter/boarding facility
- ☐ Friends or relatives who would be willing to temporarily take your horse until you're able to return home
- ☐ Neighbors in your buddy system network (a "buddy system network" is a previously arranged shared process where neighbors evacuate each other's horses [if possible] when you're away from home during an evacuation)

Food and Water:

- ☐ Hay and grain for 3 to 7 days (store in an airtight waterproof container that's rotated every few months)
- ☐ Water for 3 to 7 days
- ☐ Feed and water buckets

Miscellaneous items:

- ☐ Dry shavings for the stall
- ☐ Pitchfork
- ☐ Leather gloves and towels
- ☐ Muzzle (if needed)
- ☐ Grooming supplies
- ☐ Fly spray
- ☐ Fly masks

First aid kit and animal first aid book:

- ☐ Items should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape, scissors, tweezers, duct tape, vet wraps, medical-type gloves, isopropyl alcohol, and saline solution.

Cleaning supplies:

- ☐ Paper towels, trash bags, spray cleaner, disinfectant, and hand sanitizer

Storing your kit:

- ☐ Keep your emergency evacuation kit in a dry location where the temperature does not get too hot or below freezing.
- ☐ Make sure it's in an easy-to-reach spot where you have quick access for vehicle loading.

Trailers:

- ☐ Make sure your vehicle is set up to tow the horse trailer.
- ☐ Make sure your trailer is in road-worthy condition.
- ☐ Practice loading your horse in the trailer prior to an evacuation.

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