

Take The Time to Develop an Emergency Plan Today!

What Your Kit Should Include:

- Flashlights
- Cell Phone with Charger
- First Aid Kit
- Leg Wraps
- Water Hose
- Wire Cutters
- Leads, Halters, Shanks
- 3 Day Supply of Feed & Water
- Portable Radio with Extra Batteries
- Buckets for Feed & Water
- Emergency Contact List & ID Photos
- Blanket or Sheet
- Hoof Pick
- Tarps
- Sharp Knife
- Shovel
- Duct Tape

Horse owners are much more likely to evacuate early when they have an emergency plan and available supplies ready.



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Are You and Your Horses Prepared for an Emergency Event?

A Guide on How to Prepare

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Emergency Preparedness for Horse Owners in Southern California

Owning horses in Southern California presents unique emergency preparedness challenges. Owners must take responsibility for developing evacuation plans and providing safe shelter for their horses. Animal control agencies and volunteers may assist with evacuation, but success is not guaranteed. Early evacuation planning is crucial for animal safety.

The Importance of Early Evacuation for Horses

The Value of Evacuating Early

In case of an emergency evacuation, it is essential to evacuate horses early on. Waiting until the last minute can lead to potentially fatal consequences for both the horses and their owners. Hence, it is crucial to pay heed to the evacuation warnings issued by the Fire Department.

Responding to Evacuation Warnings and Orders

When an evacuation warning is issued, it is an indication that the area is under threat. It is essential to evacuate horses as soon as possible to avoid obstructing emergency response vehicles with horse trailers. Waiting for an evacuation order can be too late as the roads can get overcrowded and dangerous, making it difficult to move horse trailers safely.



Training Horses to Load into Trailers

If horses cannot be loaded into trailers, it will not be helpful to seek assistance in evacuating them. Therefore, horse owners must work on training their horses to load into trailers. This will help ensure that horses can be safely and efficiently evacuated during an emergency.

Planning for Emergency Evacuation

Evacuation Plan and Boarding Stables

Horse owners should plan for emergencies by identifying a safe location outside the danger area where they can take their animals. Emergency sheltering sites may have restrictions on the horses they can accept, so having an alternate plan is crucial.

If horses are housed at a boarding stable in a danger area, owners must discuss emergency plans with the stable manager. Stables may have safe areas for sheltering in place, or they may plan to evacuate. It is important to know in advance how and where horses will be taken. By creating an evacuation plan and communicating with stable managers, horse owners can ensure their horses' safety in emergencies.

Barnyard Animal Rescue

Having a disaster plan for barn animals is crucial for their safety and well-being. It should outline specific scenarios and available resources like trucks, trailers, pasture, and feed. Designate a responsible person to unlock gates and doors for emergency personnel and sign up for emergency notifications. Unrestricted access to water is critical, while food needs may vary. Cooperate with emergency personnel and follow safety protocols during fires, floods, and earthquakes. Act promptly when animals are lost or found, and ensure their identification through vaccinations, documentation, and microchipping. A well-prepared disaster plan ensures the safety and well-being of barn animals in times of crisis.

10 Things You Can Do Now to Prepare Your Horses for an Emergency Event:

01. Plan now for emergency sheltering for your horses
02. Become involved with (or start) your own neighborhood network
03. Make a list of emergency contacts
04. Take photographs and prepare a written description of each horse
05. Have a halter and rope readily available for each horse
06. Microchip your horses
07. Have a three day minimum supply of feed and water (per horse)
08. Teach your horses how to trailer
09. Keep trucks, trailers and vans well-maintained and ready to move.
10. Make an evacuation preparedness kit
11. Know your evacuation routes
12. Know local evacuation sites
13. Stay informed regarding the emergency incident
14. Practice your emergency plan