



United Services Automobile Association

NATURAL DISASTER EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Horse and Livestock Emergency Evacuation Checklist

These tips can help you ensure you have your animals basic needs covered if you need to evacuate:

Things to do before you need to evacuate:

Develop and practice an evacuation plan.

Because there are many challenges to evacuating large animals, it's critical to create and practice an evacuation plan. Getting the animals used to trailers will help evacuate them quickly and safely.

Have a backup plan in case you're unable to evacuate your animals. Leave them with several days' worth of food and water and make sure they aren't in a confined space. It's better for them to evacuate themselves than get trapped.

Mark animals with identification.

Marking your animals will make it easier to be reunited with them if they're left behind. There are several methods for marking livestock such as leg bands, notched ears, livestock marking crayon, mane clips or a luggage tag braided into their manes or tails. Make sure you include your name, address and phone number on any ID tag.

Prepare a list of important phone numbers.

Include the phone numbers of veterinarians, animal control and people you know who might be willing to temporarily take your animals.

Prepare trailers for evacuation.

Make sure vehicles are set up for towing and your trailers are in good condition and properly licensed.

Supplies to include in your livestock emergency kit:

Food and water

Have at least five to seven days' worth of feed and water for each animal.

Health information

Have a current copy of health and vaccination records for each animal in case your regular vet isn't able to provide care. Include any medications and their dosages.

Records

Breed registration records
Brand inspection
Bill of sale
Insurance paperwork
Coggins test for horses (required for travel)

First aid kit

Your first aid kit should include rolls of cotton bandages, tape, scissors, tweezers, gloves, saline solution, isopropyl alcohol and duct tape.

Microchip paperwork

Make sure records are current with your address and information.

Photos for identification

Include photos of any brands, unique markings or tattoos to identify the animals.

Cleaning supplies

Include hand sanitizer, trash bags, paper towels, spray bottle of cleaner and disinfectant.