



Disaster Planning For Horse Farms

Don't wait until it's too late!

- **Create a written disaster plan.** Good communication between the owners and managers of stables and their clients can prevent needless suffering and deaths of horses at the facility in the event of a disaster. When a disaster strikes, you should already know who is responsible for evacuating the horses, where the horses will be taken, and how you will feed and care for them once they get to the shelter site. Once you've created your plan, distribute it to owners and revise or update as needed.
- **Clearly identify horses when evacuating**
 - Halter tag with horse's name, owner's name, and contact phone numbers in legible writing.
 - "Luggage tag" braided into mane or tail.
 - Use livestock paintstick to mark coats
 - Write pertinent information on duct tape and tape around horse's neck
- **Develop an equine evacuation kit for your farm. Encourage your owners to do the same.**

Sample Equine Evacuation Kit (AVMA Guidelines)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ 7-10 day supply of feed, supplements, and water □ Bandannas □ Batteries □ Blankets □ Copies of veterinary records and proof of ownership □ Duct tape □ Emergency contact list □ First aid kit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Flashlight □ Fly spray □ Grooming brushes □ Heavy gloves □ Hoof knife □ Hoof nippers □ Hoof pick □ Hoof rasp □ Instructions (written) □ Diet record □ Medications record □ Leg wraps/quilts □ Maps of local area and alternate evacuation routes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Non-nylon halters and leads □ Paper towels □ Plastic trash cans with lids □ Radio □ Rope or lariat □ Shovel □ Tarpaulins □ Trash bags □ Twitch □ Water buckets □ Wire cutters
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