



# Large Animal Emergency Preparedness Kit

Barn fires are one of the most common emergency situations faced by equine and livestock owners. Prevention is key—store vehicles, tractors, and flammable materials outside; regularly inspect electrical wires for damage; and make sure hay is dry before storing it in the barn. In case of a barn fire, immediately call 911 and get animals out of the structure, if it is safe for you to do so.

Other disasters, such as earthquakes, floods or wildfires, can happen at any time. Be prepared to shelter in place, or evacuate, if possible.

**Pack supplies that will last at least 72 hours. Food, water and medication for two weeks is highly recommended.**

- Copy of medical records, including proof of vaccinations
- Authorization for medical treatment in your absence
- Proof of ownership
- Ensure animals have ID such as microchip, tattoo, halter tag, collar, leg band, ear tag or notch, brand
- Important contact information—veterinarian, emergency contact, boarding facility, alternate shelter
- Feed
- Water—consider alternative ways to get water, as supplies may be contaminated
- Medications and supplements—rotate frequently
- Halters and leads
- Blankets
- Flashlights, radio, batteries
- Duct tape
- Heavy gloves
- Knife—sharp, all-purpose
- Wire cutters
- Fly spray
- Hoof care tools
- Shovel
- Trash bags, paper towels, buckets
- First aid supplies—consult with your veterinarian about what supplies are most appropriate for you to have for your animals

**Don't hope. Plan.**

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