

Emergency Equine Evacuation

Are You Ready?

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The possibility of having to evacuate at a moment's notice can create a situation of panic for both you and your animals. If local authorities recommend evacuation for your area, move your animals immediately. Do not wait.

Some basic preparation now can help to ensure a safe evacuation should the need arise.

Some recommendations:

- Have written instructions and information easily available if someone else has to move your animals. Include contact names, phone numbers and your veterinarian.
- Have available photocopies of your hauling papers, medical & vaccination information. Be sure to include specifics on any animals that require special medical and/or feeding needs
- Be sure your neighbors know how to contact you, if you are away from home, when an emergency occurs
- Have ID tags on halters and a current photo of each animal for visual identification. You will need to prove ownership if your animals have been moved by some else to a large group holding area.
- Keep your trailer in good working condition and parked where it can be reached for safe, fast hook-up and loading. Be sure your animals have had experience loading and unloading. If possible, keep stored with your trailer extra lead ropes, water buckets and a basic first aid kit.
- Arrange in advance, one or more locations where you can take your animals for temporary placement. Be aware of the safest route to get to these locations. Whenever possible, have someone travel with you, to assist with your animals
- Once you have your animals secured in a safe location, remember to contact the necessary people to let them know of your situation
- Keep in mind that Back Country Horsemen members are excellent contacts for assistance and support during emergencies