

Prepare a Disaster Kit. In a large, waterproof container like a trash can or "Rubbermaid" trunk compile the following items:



- First aid kit (sharp wire cutters and a knife, bandage scissors, elastic wraps, towels, cotton bandages, compresses, and adhesive tape, surgical or bacterial soap and/or saline solution, Epsom salt, fly repellent, antibacterial wound dressing, rectal veterinary thermometer, hoof pick, twitch, and duct tape)
- Prepare hay, grain and supplements in watertight containers
- Water bucket(s) and water or electrolytes if possible because many horses will not readily drink unfamiliar water
- Leg wraps and horse blankets

- Lead ropes, halters, or shanks
- Shovel or manure fork
- Portable radio, flashlights, and extra batteries
- Lime, soap and bleach (disinfectants)
- Prescription medicines and/or a copy of the prescription from your veterinarian so more can be obtained.

Be sure to try and have a 10 to 14 day supply of as many items as possible. Blizzards or extensive disaster damage can block roads and prohibit you from getting in or out for extended periods of time.

Time is of the essence! If possible, don't wait until the last minute to evacuate. Disasters can be unpredictable and spread quickly. Animals can also become uncooperative. Remember that accesses can become obstructed and heavy traffic may increase travel times. Anything you do now to prepare for a possible emergency evacuation may save precious minutes and even lives!

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Considerations for Preparing your Horse for a

DISASTER

Situation



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