

List of important phone numbers (remember cell phones and Internet access could be temporarily out of service and you will need a printed list to connect with these resources):

- Veterinarian
- Local animal control agency
- Animal shelter/boarding facility
- Friends or relatives who would be willing to temporarily take your horse until you're able to return home
- Keep a clipboard of all the important numbers in a highly visible area in the barn in case you're not home and first responders are able to provide assistance
- Neighbors in your Buddy System Network (a buddy system network is a previously arranged shared process where neighbors evacuate each other's horses (if possible) when you're away from home during an evacuation)
- Food and Water:
- Hay and grain for 3 to 7 days (store in an airtight waterproof container that's rotated every few months)
- Water for 3 to 7 days
- Buckets for feed and water

Miscellaneous items:

- Dry shavings for the stall
- Pitchfork
- Leather gloves and towels

First aid kit and animal first aid book:

- Items should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape, scissors, tweezers, duct tape, vet wraps, medical-type gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution

Cleaning supplies:

- Paper towels, trash bags, spray cleaner, disinfectant and hand sanitizer

Storing your kit:

- Keep your emergency evacuation kit in a dry location where the temperature does not get too hot or below freezing
- Make sure it's in an easy-to reach spot where you have quick access for vehicle loading

Large Animal Evacuation

Since large animal evacuation is the responsibility of each animal owner, preparing for a wildfire evacuation requires an extra level of planning, preparedness and practice.

Building an evacuation kit for each animal, and having a plan for them that has been practiced, increases the potential your animal(s) will be able to leave when you do. If the wildfire's proximity does not permit the time needed to load animals, it is best to turn them loose and not leave them confined in a barn or pasture. Close the doors and gates so they cannot re-enter the area.

Practicing your evacuation route using your horse trailer ensures it is compatible with the road's width and grade on each potential exit route from your home. A stuck trailer could prevent others from using the same path for safe evacuation. It is important to know any limitations before leaving your property during a wildfire. Always take into consideration that large animals take extra time to evacuate. If you do not have trailer space for all your animals, have a plan that includes neighbors, friends or relatives that have trailers and can help; or identify an animal emergency response team.

[18-30 Horses in Evacuation](#)



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You need to be familiar with what to expect in a wildfire evacuation, knowing how and when to leave and building an evacuation kit for each animal will expedite leaving safely when fires happen.

Be proactive and form a neighborhood group of animal owners. Make lists that include number of and type of animals. How many trailers are available for the groups use? Where do you relocate the animals?

In times of emergency the Sheriff's Office will send out a **CODE RED** emergency broadcast advising you **Be READY**. This alert will provide notification of a major incident in your area that **MAY** require an evacuation at some point. The next notification will be **Get SET**. Residents should consider **voluntarily relocating** to a shelter or outside the affected area. The third call will be **GO! Evacuate Now**.

People with large animals should start self-evacuation at "**Get SET**".

ALL EMERGENCY INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON

- **FACEBOOK/
YAVAPACOUNTYSHERIFF**
- **THE SHERIFF'S WEB PAGE:
YCSOAZ.GOV.**

LARGE ANIMAL SHELTER LOCATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THESE SITES.

**Suggested Guidelines for Wildfire Preparedness for Horses
(May be used for other large animals)**

Simple tools you will need to build an evacuation kit for your horse:

- Large bin or tote with a lid—preferably a waterproof type
- Clear waterproof sealable plastic bags in multiple sizes
- A Sharpie-style writing utensil for labeling and marking content
- Note pad, pen or pencil for documenting special details and needs
- One or two flash drives to store copies of paperwork. (Leave one with a friend.)

Records:

- Copies of Ownership Records
- Breed registration papers
- Brand inspection
- Bill of Sale
- Insurance paperwork

Microchip Paperwork:

- Include copies of your horse's microchip paperwork. Update the address listed on the paperwork as needed to keep it accurate and current
- Consider enrolling your microchipped horse in a registry

Identification:

- Photos of brands
- Photos of you with the horse showing any unique markings or tattoos

If you are unable to evacuate with the horse, use one of the identification options below:

- Use spray paint or a livestock crayon to write your name, phone number and address on the side of the horse

- Use clippers to shave your phone number into the animals coat.
- Braid a temporary ID tag with pre-written contact information.
- Attach a neckband with your contact information

Vaccination/Health Records:

- Copies of all current vaccination records
- Copies of Health Certificates
- Medications: (Your vet's office may also be evacuated or closed during a wildfire, so this information will be important)
- A list of all current medicines and their associated doses
- If possible, keep an extra supply of medicine that your horse(s) need. Ensure each is labeled with the horse's name and a description if you have multiples (periodically check the expiration dates and replace as needed)

Tack:

- Rope and halters
- If you're unable to evacuate with the horse and choose to let it loose, ensure the halter and rope are not made from a nylon material, since it could melt during fire's extreme temperatures

Trailers:

- Make sure your vehicle is set up to tow the horse trailer
- Make sure your trailer is in road-worthy condition
- Practice loading your horse in the trailer prior to an evacuation
- Muzzle (if needed)
- Grooming supplies
- Fly spray
- Fly masks