



# EQUINE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Earthquakes, wildfires, barn fires, floods, mud slides and other natural disasters can happen at any time. Survival may depend on being prepared. Prepare ahead of time, have a plan, and be able to take care of evacuating and helping yourself, your family and animals.

## EVACUATE WHEN VOLUNTARY EVACUATIONS ARE GIVEN...

### 1. PLAN

- Develop family and equine plan
  - Communication
  - Know where to go
  - Routes
  - Know what documents, medications, and supplies to take

### 2. PREPARE

- Prepare Emergency Disaster and First Aid Kits / Identification and Medical info
- Place kits and supplies in car / truck / trailer
- Keep trailer properly maintained and ready

### 3. PRACTICE

- Review routes
- Train horse(s) to load easily (practice day & night)
- Train on shutting off utilities

## 1. Developing a Plan

- Check sites to help with plan development: Equestrian Trails, Inc. (<https://etinational.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/What-Do-I-Do-with-My-Horse-in-Fire-Flood-and-or-Earthquake.pdf>)
- Know where various shelters are and at least 2 routes to them
- Make a plan for shelter-in-place, if needed

## 2. Preparation

- Train horses to load and trailer, keep truck and trailer hitched, facing exit
- Keep truck and trailer in safe, working condition
- Create equine first aid kits and make a disaster supply kit
- Keep list of shelters, boarding facilities, and maps in truck / car
- Get proper training on the use of firefighting tools
- Prepare your land and supplies (pre-store emergency supplies)
- Prepare identification and documentation. Have copies readily available (horse identification, photos, medical records, special needs, emergency contact list, vet information)
- Register on the VC Alert Emergency Notification System and load appropriate applications to smart phones (i.e., Pulse Point, Red Cross applications, etc.)
- Work with neighbors if you need assistance with evacuating animals

## 3. Practice

- Practice loading your horse in various conditions
- Review and practice plan

Additional questions?  
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