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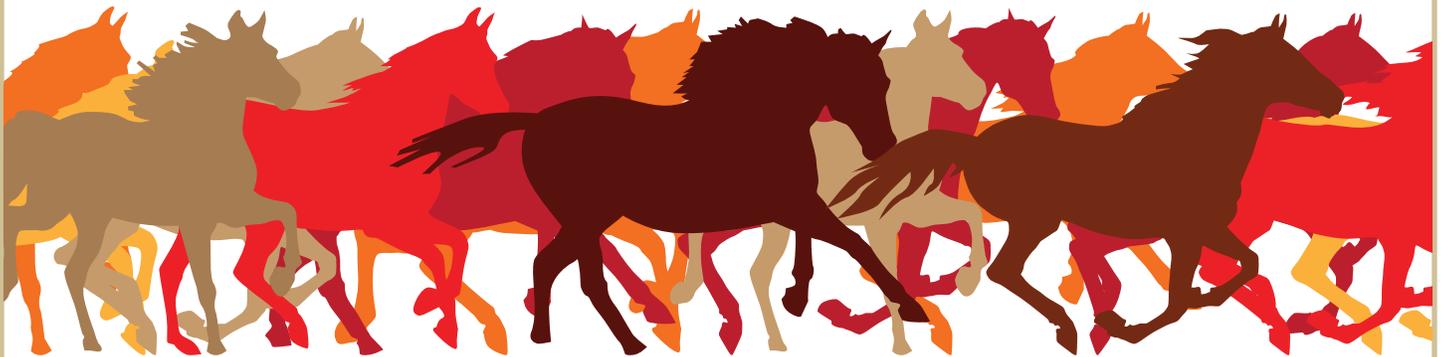
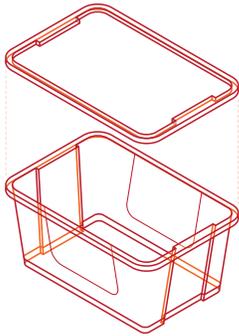
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Horse Evacuation Checklist

Simple tools you'll 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 contents
- » Note pad for documenting special details and needs
- » Pen or pencil
- » One or two flash drives to store copies of paperwork (*Copying all the information outlined in the following sections onto a flash drive will provide access if you're evacuated and unable to take the kit due to limited time. Having a backup flash drive that you provide to a friend or relative, is also a good idea so you have an alternate copy if you're unable to take the primary one with you.*)



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The following items need to be included in each evacuation kit and also stored on the flash drives:

» **Records:**

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

» **Microchip Paperwork:**

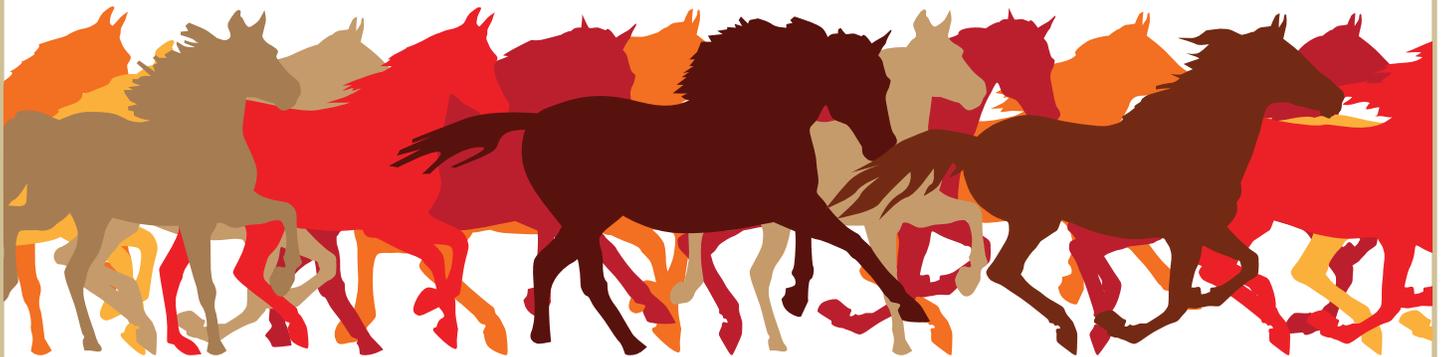
- » Include copies of your horse's microchip paperwork. Update the address listed on the paperwork as needed to keep it accurate and current
- » Consider enrolling your microchipped horse in a registry

» **Identification:**

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

If you're 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 horse's coat
- » Braid a temporary ID tag with pre-written contact info into the horse's mane
- » Attach a neck band with your contact information



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» **Vaccination/Health Records:**

- » Copies of all current vaccination records
- » Copies of Health Certificates

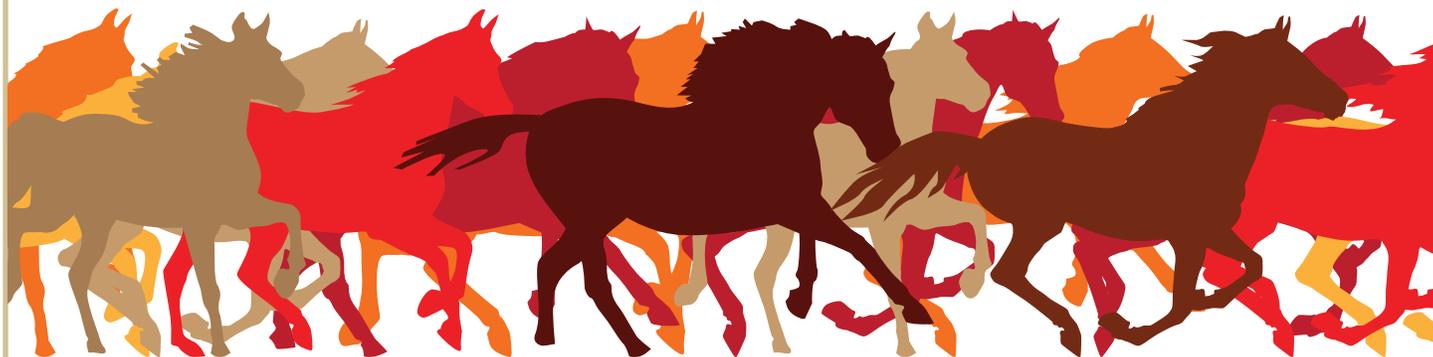
» **Medications:**

(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



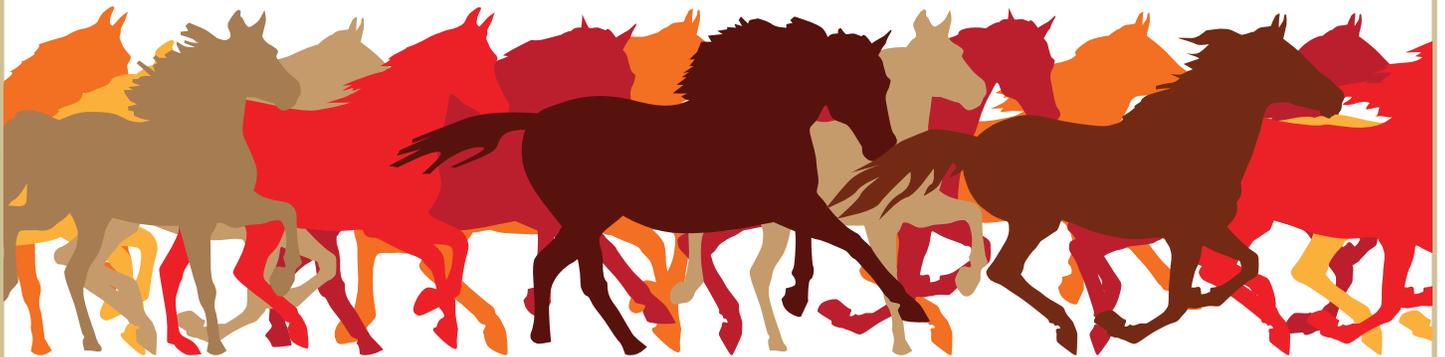
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- » **List of important phone numbers** (remember cell phones and Internet access could be temporarily out of service and you'll need a printed list to connect with these resources):
 - » Veterinarian
 - » Local animal control agency
 - » Animal shelter/boarding 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 three to seven days (store in an airtight waterproof container that's rotated every few months)
 - » Water for three to seven days
 - » Feed and water buckets



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» **Miscellaneous items:**

- » Dry shavings for the stall
- » Pitchfork
- » Leather gloves and towels
- » Muzzle (if needed)
- » Grooming supplies
- » Fly spray
- » Fly masks

» **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:**

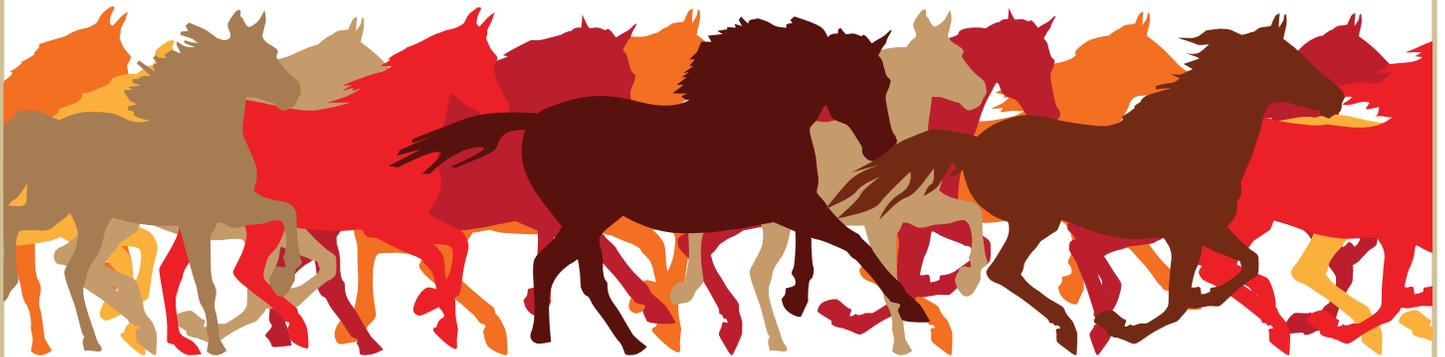
- » Paper towels, trash bags, spray cleaner, disinfectant and hand sanitizer

» **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

» **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



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