

SAFETY CHECKLIST

Are you staying home? Do a walk-around. Download safety checklists from your local Ready.gov website, Fire/Emergency Services, or other resources. The [HALTER Project Preparedness Library](#) is filled with resources. ReadyMarin.org and [GET READY! Kent County](#) are excellent examples of local resources.



Here are some memory joggers to get you going...

If you are leaving for the day, a week, or longer – plan ahead! This list is by no means complete; we hope it will just get you thinking about what is most relevant for you and your animals.

- **HOME:** Do you have a key hidden where you can easily describe location to responders? Fire defensible space? Are you prepared for...floods? Extended power outage? Earthquake? Severe storms? Have flashlights? Batteries? Emergency radio?
- **BARN:** Fire-safe? Storm-ready? Have feed & water reserves? Animal IDs? Halters, ropes accessible? Padlocks removed? Doors and gates secure but not locked? First-aid kit? Earthquake hazards? Power backup? Chargers? Communication devices? Headlamps/flashlights?
- **VEHICLES:** Safety inspections? Tanks fueled? Vehicles stage for getaways? Know how to open garage in power failure? Extra chargers & cables? Ready-kits stashed securely?
- **TRAILER:** Safety inspection on tires, lights, flooring? Trailer hooked up & staged for quick access and getaway? First-aid and tool kits ready?
- **EQUINES & LIVESTOCK:** Have an Evacuation Plan A, B, and C? Connected with neighbors? Vet records up to date? ID in sturdy binder or file? Practiced catching & loading? Feed & water stored out of harm's way? Blankets and wraps removed on Red Flag days? Have ID kit ready nearby and ready? Checked all "shelter-in-place" (SIP) locations for defensibility? Removed hazards? Water storage?
- **PETS:** Refreshed ready-kits? Vet and ID info accessible? Know your evacuation options? Practiced crating, harnessing? Created safety areas? Made signs for key entry locations?
- **YOU:** Think like a flight attendant: If YOU'RE not safe, you can't help anyone else. Prepare yourself, family, ranch or facility staff first. Assign a chain of command. Enter "ICE" (in Case of Emergency) local AND out-of-area contacts on everyone's phones. Know your LOCAL EMERGENCY HELPLINES FOR ANIMALS: Animal Control Agency, Sheriff Department/ Police, Humane Society, Farm Bureau, or other. If you don't know, find out now!
- **Pet, horse & livestock owners: NOW is a good time to CHECK FENCES!!!**

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