

Hurricane Preparation Tips for Horse Owners

Hurricane season in the United States is from June 1 to November 30, with most of the storms forming in the months of August, September and October. Horse owners and caretakers are advised to plan ahead of time. [Dr. Amanda House](#), an internal medicine veterinarian at UF, has provided the following hurricane preparation tips:



- Prepare a [first aid kit](#)
- Practice loading your horse into a trailer
- Locate farms or shelters in advance
- Have phone numbers of the vet, insurance information and shipper (if necessary)
- Keep medical records and other important documents such as a Coggins test and health certificate accessible
- Make sure that your horse's [vaccinations](#) are current (West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Rabies, Tetanus Toxoid). Consider Equine Herpes Virus or the Flu vaccine if you plan to move your horse.
- For identification purposes, take a picture of your horse and you with your horse
- Label your horse, for example, luggage tag on halter, nontoxic paint or marker, clip information on side
- Keep record of microchip number, tattoo number or brand
- Move your horse from flood prone areas
- Store all loose items on the farm, such as jump standards and cups, which can become dangerous projectiles in high wind
- Have feed and water available
 - ◊ 12-20 gallons of water per horse each day
 - ◊ Large garbage cans with liners to store feed
- Generator for well and fuel
- Turn off the power to the barn
- Do not put your horse in a pasture with power lines
- Keep your horse out of barns that are not safe
- It is recommended to keep your horse in the pasture during the storm if there is good fencing, limited trees and no power lines or electric fence
- Emergency tools and supplies: hammer, nails, fence repair materials, wire cutters, tool box, pry bar, fire extinguisher, flashlights, batteries, radio



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