



## Hurricane Preparedness

### Before the hurricane (48 hours):

1. Move horses to a concrete barn or evacuate out of the state. **Health certificates are not necessary but you must pick up exit form (AEL-5) from the agriculture check-in station at the state line**
2. If no concrete barn, it's best to leave horses out in open area, free of objects that can become flying debris.
3. Reinforce pasture fencing (avoid wire or barbed wire). Clearly mark wire parts of fence with brightly colored flags or pieces of cloth (old t-shirts or towels). These flags act to warn horses away from wire in the wind and dark.
4. Identify all horses with your name and address. Phone numbers are important also, but consider that phone lines may be down.
  - Marking suggestions:
    - Place name and address in plastic baggie and braid into mane and tail
    - Braid luggage tags with identification into mane and tail
    - Identify using grease marker on body
    - Permanent marker on property flags braided into tail
    - Label placed on break-away halter
    - Clip identification onto flank using clippers
    - Photograph horses paying attention to scars, brands, or tattoos and keep in safe place with other documents
5. Fill several tubs or garbage cans with fresh water for each horse. Store several days worth of hay in plastic bags or waterproof tubs.
6. If power is out, have generator ready for well pump.
7. Turn off circuit breakers to barn.
8. Prepare first aid kit with supplies such as bandaging materials, scissors, and wire cutters.

### After the hurricane:

1. Check fence for breaks.
2. Remove debris from pasture.
3. Clean up standing water in order to minimize mosquito numbers.
4. No hoof dressings; instead, focus on toughening feet.
5. Decrease or do not feed grain.