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Pikes Peak Region

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**EMERGENCY/DISASTER  
PREPAREDNESS**  
For Non-Commercial Livestock

# WHY HAVE A PLAN?

You are responsible for the safety of your non-commercial livestock (hooved animals, small animals, fowl). Be prepared to evacuate and provide shelter/care for your animals for at least 72 hours away from home. Or you may need to shelter in place and sustain them for up to a week without outside assistance.



## WHAT CAN I DO AHEAD OF TIME ?

- (1) Keep vaccinations and preventive care up-to date; keep medical records and veterinary information with your disaster kit. For identification, include registration papers, brand inspection, microchip information, and quality photos of the animal.
- (2) Also provide this information to an alternate contact person out of the area.
- (3) Own (or have access to) a horse trailer, and teach your animals to load. For small animals or fowl, have pens/cages appropriate for transport.
- (4) Build your disaster kit (see checklist) and rotate perishable stock regularly.



## WHAT IF I CAN'T REACH MY ANIMALS ?

Contact with nearby family, friends and neighbors who are willing to assist with evacuations or who can shelter animals. Give them written permission to act for you, along with access to animal identification and disaster kits. If animals are stranded, contact emergency management or law enforcement for assistance. Post a current list identifying the number and types of animals on your property, the location of the disaster kits and your emergency contact information in your barn.



## WHERE DO I TAKE MY ANIMALS?

Make plans with family or friends who can take care of your animals temporarily. During a large-scale evacuation, authorities may designate a livestock evacuation shelter (fair grounds, etc.).

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# DISASTER CHECKLIST

	Horse trailer
	Hay/feed and water for 3 days (rotate stock)
	Feed/water buckets
	All medications
	Medical records (in waterproof container)
	ID: registration papers, brand inspection cards, etc.
	Horse blankets
	Muck bucket, rake and shovel
	Livestock first aid kit and book
	Grooming and hoof care tools
	Halters, lead ropes, tack
	Fly spray
	Written feeding schedules and behavior note
	List of animal emergency contacts
	Temporary ID tags (note your location if separated)

## WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO PREPARE ?

(1) Create defensible space in and around your barn area with fire mitigation measures. Know how to lead and secure horses away from a barn fire or to higher ground if flooding is possible.

(2) Be prepared for severe winter storms. Keep a two-week supply of food on hand in winter. Have a generator for wells, and storage tanks or other systems in place to ensure availability of water if electric or water service is disrupted. Have equipment for snow removal. Have personal work gear for outdoor winter exposure.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Control \_\_\_\_\_

Important Plan Details \_\_\_\_\_

## PEOPLE WITH LIVESTOCK CARE PERMISSION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

Livestock Shelter Options \_\_\_\_\_

Local Animal Shelter/Boarding \_\_\_\_\_

Friends/Family \_\_\_\_\_

## ALTERNATE CONTACT WITH LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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