

RISK MANAGEMENT

WILDFIRE SAFETY FOR YOUR LIVESTOCK AND PETS

Advanced planning and smart preparation is essential to give your livestock, large animals, and pets the greatest chances of surviving a wildfire.

LIVESTOCK

- Create “defensible space” around your barns, pastures, and property.
- Plan ahead to identify where you would evacuate your animals. Contact your local fairgrounds, stockyards, equestrian centers and friends about their policies and ability to take livestock temporarily in an emergency.
- Have several evacuation routes in mind. If you don’t have your own truck and trailer, make arrangements with local companies or neighbors. Make sure your neighbors have your contact numbers and know your plan.
- Store vaccination/medical records, veterinary contact information, registration papers (proof of ownership), and current photos of your animals in a single folder. Place this folder in your livestock disaster preparedness supply kit.
- If you must leave your animals, place them in a preselected, cleared area. Leave enough hay, feed, and water for 48 to 72 hours. Do not rely on automatic watering systems, because power outages are common during wildfires.
- Start evacuating your livestock as soon as possible.

NOTE: During a wildfire, local animal rescue organizations work with law enforcement and fire departments to rescue as many animals as they can. When battling a wildfire, firefighters will do what they can, but they are not responsible for evacuating your livestock. Firefighters may cut fences or open gates to free trapped animals.

Livestock Disaster Preparedness Supply Kit

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hay, feed, and water for three days | <input type="checkbox"/> Hoof pick | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic trash barrel with a lid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-nylon leads and halters | <input type="checkbox"/> Leg wraps | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable radio and extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid items | <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wire cutters and a sharp knife | <input type="checkbox"/> Water buckets | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of vaccination/medical records, proof of ownership, etc. |



PETS

- Plan ahead. Know where you will take or leave your pets. In case you are not home when disaster strikes, arrange in advance for a neighbor to check on or transport your pets.
- Make sure your neighbors have your contact numbers and know your plan. In the event of evacuation, pets may not be allowed inside human emergency shelters. Prearrange an alternate location to take your animals.
- Make sure your pets are always wearing properly fitted collars with personal identification, rabies, and license tags.
- Ensure each animal has its own pet carrier. Transport birds, rodents, and reptiles in cages. Cover cages with a light sheet or cloth to minimize fear.
- Store vaccination/medical records, veterinary contact information, proof of ownership, a current photo, and a pet disaster preparedness supply kit in one location.

Pet Disaster Preparedness Supply Kit

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet carrier for each pet | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications and dosing instructions | <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two-week supply of food and water | <input type="checkbox"/> Car litter box and litter | <input type="checkbox"/> Leashes/collars/harnesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-spill food and water bowls | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags for waste disposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet first-aid kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys and treats |

If You Must Leave Your Pets

- Bring pets indoors. Never leave pets chained or outdoors when evacuating due to a fire.
- Place pets in a room with adequate ventilation and no windows, such as a utility room, garage, bathroom, or other area that can be easily cleaned. Do not tie pets up. Tape signs inside the house to guide firefighters to your pet(s).
- Leave only dry foods and fresh water in non-spill containers. If possible, open a faucet to let water drip into a large container, or partially fill a bathtub with water.
- Post easy-to-spot signs near exterior doors to let firefighters know there are pets inside. Include the types, names, and locations of your pets.

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