



## Evacuation Preparedness for Animals

Building an evacuation kit for each animal and making prior arrangements for where to take them is a good way to prepare. Knowing when to leave in an evacuation will expedite leaving safely.

The Sheriff's Office utilizes CodeRED® as its Emergency Notification System. We strongly recommend that you sign up for this service at <https://www.ycsoaz.gov/community/Emergency-Preparedness/Emergency-Notification-System>.

If you don't have a place already planned as a safe destination, LASER (Large Animal Shelters & Emergency Readiness) will be ready to shelter your barn animals. You can bring them in yourself or use a friend or an emergency evacuation service in the area to transport your animals. The LASER shelter site will be posted on our website ([laser-shelter.org](http://laser-shelter.org)), our Facebook page (@laseryourstablesolution) and broadcast through the media.

What should you bring for your animals? Having your Go Boxes prepared ahead of time will make a huge difference! You'll need one for your barn animals and separate ones for your household pets and for your family members.

Build an evacuation kit for your equines:

- Large bin or tote with a lid (waterproof is best)
- Clear waterproof sealable plastic bags in multiple sizes
- Sharpie-style marker for labeling bags
- Roll of duct tape
- Greasepaint marker
- Note pad and pen

- Copies of ownership records
- Breed registration papers
- Bill of sale
- Insurance paperwork
- Include copies of horse's microchip paperwork. (Consider enrolling your microchipped horse in a registry)
- Photos of you with the equine showing any unique markings or tattoos
- Rope and halters (leather break-away and cotton leads are best)
- Copies of health records
- Flashlight, scissors, wire cutters, knife
- Medications with a list of current medications and dosages
- Grooming supplies, including brush and hoof pick
- Fly spray and fly masks
- Sheets/blankets
- Hay Bag/Hay Net
- Hay and grain for up to seven (7) days, including any special dietary feed
- Buckets for feed and water
- Equine First Aid Kit

Additional Preparation:

- Add tag to halters with your name and phone number or attach neckband with contact information or braid tag into mane
- Keep gas tanks at least half full in your vehicles
- Make sure trailer is in good condition, including floorboards
- Practice loading your animal(s) in the trailer prior to evacuation
- Plan for several evacuation routes. Fires may block your normal exit route.

For information for household pets evacuation kit, visit Animals Disaster Services (ADS) at <https://animaldisasterservices.com/animal-evacuation-kit>

For information for personal evacuation kit, visit American Red Cross at <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html>