



# Red Flag Warning Days

Red Flag Warnings are issued by the National Weather Service when weather conditions are right for extreme wildfire events. These are days with sustained or gusty winds, and hot and dry conditions, that make wildfires more likely to ignite and spread rapidly. During these times extreme caution is urged by all residents. This is the time to stay on high alert, watch the news, and prepare for evacuation if needed.

## Red Flag Day Routine

- Trailer hitched, truck fueled and parked facing out.
- 1 bale hay/horse in bed of truck plus any meds in baggies or small cooler.
- Fill all troughs and plan for no power
- Gloves, First aid kit and headlamp in truck.
- Halters and leads labeled with luggage tags for each horse.
- Horses gathered into defensible space
- Hoses and sprinklers laid out to create defensible space
- Well lit loading area, clear of debris, and sharp objects.
- Plan for two ways out. Haul to relative or friend
- if advisory evacuation- leave early

## Fire Hardening Horse Property

- Create 100 ft of defensible space if possible
- Eliminate ladder fuels & trim all vegetation to 10 ft
- Store hay and bedding in separate structure
- Ensure barn has closable doors to prevent re-entry
- Attach hoses to spigots and place a fire extinguisher in aisleway
- Post individual ID sheets for each horse with picture, vet contact, meds, feed
- Create a safe, well-lit loading area for truck and trailer
- Establish perimeter fence to contain horses on property
- Install gravity-dependent water storage or backup generator if dependent upon well
- Establish defensible space on property that could be irrigated if horses are left behind- 2 x width of tallest adjacent trees

## Prepare Horses for Evacuation

- Regularly practice loading/unloading in various conditions/lighting/ trailer types.
- Create a load order list
- Current on vaccinations and deworming
- Willing to be confined in 10x10 or 12x12 space
- Willing to be handled and haltered by a neighbor or other equine handler.
- Photographed with you and displayed on an ID sheet in your barn and your first aid kit.
- Designated halter and lead rope with luggage tag: name, your contact information
- Minimize or manage separation anxiety issues
- Pre-tie quick-release ropes in trailer to speed up loading process