

# Hurricane Tips for Horse Care

## Shelter

- Confirm that the shelter horses are housed in is capable of withstanding the storm. If not, it is usually better to leave them outside.
- Clear any equipment that could be moved by the storm and injure horses.
- For additional protection, a fly mask can be used to shield the horse's eyes from potential debris.
- Move animals to higher ground before a storm arrives to keep them away from floods.
- Consider evacuating horses away to an area you are certain will not flood.

## Food and Water

- Horses will consume feed at 2% of their body weight and drink up to 15 gallons of water per day.
- Prepare a dry place to store excess food that will be needed during and immediately after a storm.
- Use storage bins lined with plastic bags to store extra water before a natural disaster.

## Identification

- Using multiple methods of identification is recommended.
- Livestock Chalk can be used on the horse's body for identification.
- A microchip can be planted in the horse's nuchal ligament.
- Identification tags can be braided into a horse's mane.
- Contact information can be written on a horse's hooves in permanent marker.

## Vaccinations

- Make sure your horse(s) are up-to-date on vaccinations for tetanus and encephalitis viruses (rabies, Eastern and Western equine encephalitis, and West Nile before a storm arrives.

## For More Information

- To contact an extension agent, visit: [directory.ifas.ufl.edu](http://directory.ifas.ufl.edu)
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