

Louisiana Equine Emergency Planner



Pony Club

Contact Information:
Equine Branch Leader
Louisiana State Animal Response Team (LSART)
(225) 928-5862

Emergency Phone Numbers

Professionals & Officials

Parish Sheriff	
Fire Dept.	911
Parish Animal Control	
Local Veterinarians	225-578-9500 (LSU Vet Med)
La. State Vet's Office	225-925-3980
LSART La. State Animal Response Team	(800)524-2996
Parish OEP (Office of Emergency Preparedness)	
National Animal Poison Control	(888) 426-4435
Parish Ag Extension Number	

Emergency Phone Numbers

Personal

Family	
Family	
Neighbor	
Neighbor	
Vet	
Vet	
Doctor	

Take care of yearly equine health needs

- Make an appointment with your veterinarian for:
 - Regular vaccinations (Tetanus, EEE, WEE, WNV)
 - Dental care to maximize digestive health
 - Deworming if necessary
 - Yearly Coggins test (required by law!)
- Provide proper nutrition (forage – good hay and supplemental grain if necessary)

Equine Evacuation Plan

- Prioritize/choose which animals will be evacuating ahead of a storm
- Make sure your horse will load into a trailer
- Evacuate at least 3 days ahead of a storm
- Plan/Map-out evacuation route
- Plan destination
- Leave important contact information with neighbors
- Be sure to have enough cash for fuel
- Take provisions (food, water, cash) for people
- Take provisions for horses (hay, water, first aid kit)
- Take current equine Coggins forms when evacuating with your horse

Shelter-in-place Plan

- Do not lock horse in stall/barn
- Keep enough hay (elevated storage or covered in plastic) for 5-7 days
- Identify your horse two ways
 - permanent microchip, lip tattoo, or brand
 - temporary → spray paint, paint stick, w/owner name & ph. #
- Keep clean water source for 5-7 days
- Keep supply of batteries & flashlights
- First aid kit
- Post-storm clean-up kit
 - Chain saw, hammer, rakes, etc.
- Contact Parish OEP to say you are ok (or that you need help)
- Keep a copy of your evacuation plan on file with your parish OEP

Louisiana Risks for Emergencies or Disasters

- Barn fire
- Brush fire
- Traffic trailer accident
- Animal trapped in pond, river, lake, marsh
- Storms – hurricanes, tornadoes, flash flooding...
- Chemical spill/gas release
- Terrorism
- Diseases (foreign animal)

Planning Assistance

- www.lsart.org
 - Louisiana state animal response team website
 - Shelter locations, response, trailering, situation updates
- www.lsuquine.com
 - LSU School of Vet. Med., Equine Health Studies Program
- www.ldaf.state.la.us
 - Animal Health Division, Louisiana Dept of Ag & Forestry
- www.redcross.org
- www.lahg.net
 - Louisiana Horseman's Guide
- www.avma.org/disaster
 - American Veterinary Medical Association
- www.lsuagcenter.com
 - Agriculture information
- www.fema.gov/hazard

Recommendations for Responsible Horse Ownership

- PREPARE an emergency operation (evacuation & response) plan for your family, including your animals
- File your emergency plan with your local parish OEP and the Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry
- Stay informed – join the Louisiana State Animal Response Team (www.LSART.org)
- Participate in community emergency preparedness

