



# FIRE WEATHER BARN ROUTINE

Prep on Fire Weather **WATCH** days.  
Turn Prep into **Action** at start of Fire Weather **WARNING**  
and **RED FLAG** periods.



Visit Cal Fire’s “**Ready, Set, Go!**” web site or your local FireSafe Council or Firewise Community site for defensible space and property access guidance.

Your home, barn, property, and vehicles should be wildfire-ready before a Fire Weather alert is issued.

This checklist is focused on your equine, large animal and pet preparations.

- ✓ Confine animals where they can be caught quickly.
- ✓ Stage halters, lead ropes, leashes, crates and carriers for quick access.
- ✓ Make sure all animals have visible ID.
- ✓ Fuel up vehicles.
- ✓ Remove bedding from trailers.
- ✓ Review loading priorities.
- ✓ Prep trailer ties.
- ✓ Load truck copy of your AEP, including animal care sheets and current vax & health records, (including Coggins, if needed).
- ✓ Load Go-Bags and First-Aid kits for people & animals.
- ✓ Load feed, water, equipment.
- ✓ Load your Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).
- ✓ Stage transport rigs for a quick exit, and turn around without having to back up.
- ✓ Check in with your helpers and destinations.
- ✓ Confirm reservations.
- ✓ Review travel routes with all helpers & haulers.
- ✓ Transport all top-priority animals during daylight and allow time to return rigs to barn before dark.



## RED FLAG SHELTER-in-PLACE PREP

If your Evacuation Plan includes sheltering some animals in place, complete all preparations BEFORE Fire Weather WARNING or RED FLAG begins.  
More info at HALTER Project.org

### SHELTER-in-PLACE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Have animal refuge areas prepared.
- ✓ Leave extra halters & ropes for every equine in fire-resistant container.
- ✓ Store feed in secure fire-resistant containers 50’ (minimum) away from animals.
- ✓ Remove halters, masks, wraps, sheets.
- ✓ Braid or trim tails up to hock length.
- ✓ Trim fetlock feathers.
- ✓ Check for loose shoes.
- ✓ Increase humidity in refuge area.
- ✓ Add water troughs, top off all.
- ✓ Secure troughs so they cannot tip over.
- ✓ Leave gates closed and unlocked.
- ✓ Turn all animals out, but never loose in close proximity to roads.
- ✓ Close barn and shed doors.
- ✓ Deactivate electric gates and fences.
- ✓ Notify Animal Services of animals on site.

