



Tropical Storm Advisory

Tropical Storm Fay Media Advisory #7 - Storm Preparation Tips for Large Animals

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Broward County is urging residents who own horses or other large animals to complete preparations for them now in anticipation of flooding and high winds from Tropical Storm Fay. Important reminders include:

- Horses should be kept on the owner's or caretaker's property, if possible. If you plan to evacuate your animal out of the area, go early.
- In a Category 1 storm, animals may be safe in a sturdy barn. In a Category 2 storm or higher, animals are probably safest in a large pasture with room to move around, allowing them to utilize their best instincts if there are no electrical wires to come down and the fences are in good repair.
- Do **NOT** tranquilize your horse!
- Make sure your animal is well identified by spray painting your phone number on your horse's body; attach a fetlock band or mare band with your name address and phone numbers in permanent ink; braid a luggage tag into your horses mane or tail close to the body (be sure its water proofed).
- Be sure to have photos of you with your animals, showing any unique markings, to prove ownership.
- Be sure that your horse is wearing a leather halter which will make it easier for someone to catch your horse if it gets loose.
- Plan for water (20 gallons per animal per day) and feed and hay for your horse.
- Have on hand a supply of basic first aid items, i.e., bandages, anesthetics, etc.
- Do not stay with your horse! You cannot help a frightened, thousand pound animal, and you may get hurt.

Flooding Precautions

Because Broward County is under a flood watch, the following reminders are also important:

Move your large animals to high ground.

Cleanse animal's feet and hooves with iodine. Once the iodine dries, the feet and hooves should be covered with Vaseline or petroleum jelly for protection from standing water and infection.

Feed and hay should be moved above ground three feet to avoid water damage and mold.

Caretakers and/or horse owners should contact the Broward County Hurricane Hotline at 3-1-1 or 954-831-4000 if the horse is in standing water up to their knees post-storm.

Additional tips on how to make hurricane preparations for large animals are available online from

the Extension Education section of the Broward County Parks and Recreation Division. Visit www.broward.org/hurricane and click on Hurricane Tips for Large Animals.

For more information, residents can call the Broward County Hurricane Hotline at 3-1-1 or 954-831-4000.

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