

Horse Trailering Checklist

Check off these emergency essentials before you hit the road with horses in tow.

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Under the laws of nature, the best way to avoid any kind of an emergency is to be fully prepared for one—whether you are making a long distance, cross-country haul or a short trek down the road to the show grounds.

What you will need for the towing vehicle & trailer: Spare tires for the towing vehicle and trailer (inflated to proper PSI)
A jack and tire iron or lug wrench Three emergency triangles or flares (triangles are best) Extra supply of coolant/engine oil/transmission and power steering fluids, plus a funnel and service rags WD-40 or other lubricant
Chocks to safely block wheels Flash light and extra batteries Tape (electrical and duct) Spare fuses and bulbs for exterior and interior lights A charged fire extinguisher Sharp knife and wire cutters Tool kit Jugs of clean water (can be used for radiator or horses) Jumper cables Spare belts and hoses Tow chain or cable Portable compressor Quick fix tire repair kit Broom/shovel/manure fork and disposal bags Vehicle registrations for the towing vehicle and trailer Proof of insurance

What you will need for the horse: A spare halter for each horse Extra lead ropes for each horse A bucket and sponge Feed buckets Hay and feed Water Fly repellent 100 feet of 1/2" rope An equine first-aid kit
Identification information on each horse Brand inspection papers (when applicable) Health certificate (when applicable)

For You: Orange safety vest Work gloves Extra cash and credit card Driver's license Road atlas Cellular phone and/or CB radio (in rural mountainous areas without cell phone service a CB radio may be more valuable) Phone directory with numbers for your veterinarian, insurance company, emergency roadside assistance numbers and numbers of family/or friends who can be notified if you become incapacitated First-aid kit

Further Reading

First Aid Kits for Horses and Riders

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