

BARN FIRE SAFETY

TOP 10 CHECKLIST



Fire is an ever-present concern for stable owners. Contact your local fire department to do a walkthrough of your property and provide recommendations for a pre-plan. A qualified electrician should also evaluate your facility. There are many steps that can be taken to establish good fire prevention practices. The following list provides an excellent starting point:

— Outside —

- Address is posted in reflective numbers and is visible from both directions on the road
- Driveway/road can accommodate my fire department's vehicles - there are no overhanging branches and roadway is gravel or other improved base
- My fire department knows the location of all water sources on my property - ponds, wells, storage tanks, hydrants - which are all easily accessible
- If there is a pond on my property I have installed a standpipe (a rigid vertical pipe to which fire hoses can be connected)
- If there is a lock on my gate I have a lock box and my emergency responders have access (or if a combination lock, they have the combination)
- There is a pre-plan in a lock box and the fire department has a copy (fire safety plan)
- All weeds, brush and debris have been cleared around my stable
- Clearly marked, easy-to-access, water spigots are located on all sides of my stable
- Backup generator is stored safely away from stable and is available to provide emergency lighting
- "No Smoking" signs are posted around my stable and boarders have been informed that smoking will not be tolerated anywhere on my property

