

Fixin' Up, Sprucin' Up: All Around the Barn

INSIDE THE STABLES:

Fire Extinguishers:

One fire extinguisher should be at either end of the barn on all levels.

Test to be sure all in working order and have inspected.

Communications/Emergency Center:

Name, address and contact telephone of stable/barn **CLEARLY** listed next to central emergency.

Filled First Aid kit readily accessible.

Large white board listing lessons, vets appts, farriers appts, etc. for easy planning updated.

EVACUATION and EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO CLEARLY AND EASILY VISIBLE.

Turnout Chart listing each resident horse posted for easy visibility for all. Update as needed.

NO SMOKING SIGNS posted inside with outside smoking areas clearly designated.

Supply sand-filled ashtrays for smoking areas.

Feed Room:

Sweep and clear of all cobwebs.

All feed bins marked clearly as to contents.

All feed stored in rodent proof containers.

Supplements clearly labeled and organized.

Extra buckets cleaned and disinfected -stored neatly.

Grain scoops clearly labeled as to capacity size.

Tack Room/Central Room:

Clean, Sweep, Wash windows, floors, walls, sinks, countertops, racks with disinfectant green cleanser.

Clean out refrigerator -Discard expired medications.

Sanitize refrigerator, racks.

Organize & clearly label refrigerated meds.

Clean coats of paint if indicated. Use ecologically safe paint.

Lounge/Viewing Room:

Vacuum, sweep, dust, organize.

Provide trash receptacles and recycling receptacles.

Clean and disinfect refrigerators, microwaves.

Wash any stable provided mugs, plates, utensils. Store in closed receptacle (cleaned, disinfected and dried).

Libraries of magazines, books etc. in good organized order.

Central visuals (TVs, DVD players, central music system etc.) cleaned, repaired and in good working order.

Tack:

Check all 'house tack' and equipment for worn, stiff, broken leather. Repair, disinfect and condition as needed.

Wash pads, wraps, blankets, and other washables. Disinfect, dry, repair, fold and store neatly.

The Washstall:

Wash racks, floor, walls, fixtures with disinfectant green cleanser.

Organize brushes, combs, shampoos, conditioners etc.

Replace any broken items.

Unclog drain.

Check that cross ties are in good condition.

Panic snaps secured to WALL; not halter end.

Hoses and shower heads in working condition.

Check for any nails or other protruding objects that can cause injury to an 'active' horse. Remove and repair.

The Hoof Trimming Area:

Thoroughly sweep, disinfect floors, walls, fixtures, ties, racks.

No obstructive objects should be left in the trimming area.

Be sure cross ties are in good condition.

Lights, Fixtures, Fuses, Circuit Breaker, Electrical:

Check all electrical fixtures and circuit breakers.

Clean any cobwebs from lighting fixtures.

Replace any fuses or light bulbs that have burned out.

Check wiring and plugs for safety.

Cover lights in stalls with protective cage. Replace any broken.

Check extension cords for cuts or tears. Replace any defectives. Be sure all are of the proper standard for stated use.

Replace any burnt out motion detector lights or floodlights.

Aisleways:

Sweep, clear cobwebs.

Wash/disinfect exterior of stalls.

Clear aisleways of any obstructions i.e. tools, equipment, storage boxes or other obstructive objects that could pose a safety hazard for the horses.

Hoses should be stored out of the center of the aisleway neatly.

Check water pumps or faucets for good working order with clean buckets underneath to catch drips.

Equipment Room/Shed:

Neat, tidy, all equip. in good working order.

Repair or replace defective equipment.

Each Stall:

Outside of the Stall:

Label each stall clearly with horse's name, Owner's Name & warnings (vices, behavioral dangers, allergies),

Emergency Contact Information including Owner, Farrier, Veterinarian, Insurance Company posted on stall card.

Card should have clear photo of horse.

Clearly label horse's halter; hang w/lead on stall door.

Lock on stall door should be easily maneuvered by humans, not horses.

Check each stall lock and replace any defective ones.

Stall door should be free of protruding nails, screws, bolts.

Replace broken cribbing guards.

Doors should slide or swing open freely without obstruction.

Sliding doors should be clear of any obstructions on the track.

Each track should have guard at each end to prevent door from sliding out of track.

Swinging doors should have no obstruction to free swing movement and be easy to maneuver.

Inside Stall:

Strip stall of shavings & mats.
Sweep thoroughly.
Clean all cobwebs from walls and ceilings.
Disinfect walls and floors, buckets and feeders using “green” product.
Wash & disinfect mats before replacing in cleaned stall.
Disinfect all buckets and pans. Make sure all are in good repair. Replace unrepairable.
When hanging buckets hand with hook or snap facing the wall - not the horse’s face.
Be sure all windows are properly protected by horse-proof guards.

Haynets/HayBoxes:

Should be in good repair.
Replace nets with worn/broken netting.
Replace any loose or missing boards.

OUTSIDE THE STABLE:

Sprucing up the Outside of the Stable:

Replace any broken siding on barn.
Repair leaks in roof.
Freshen up with coat of ecologically safe paint.
Weed gardens, replant, mulch.

Hay Storage:

Clean out any molding old hay.
Replace any wet pallets with new.
Clean cobwebs.
Re-stack hay for optimal air flow.

The Fenceline:

Check all connectors and wires for working charge.
Replace and paint any broken fence boards.
Solidify any loose posts.
Replace any lost T-post caps.
Cut back any interfering brush from fence wires.
Check all gates and repair if needed.

The Training Arena and Its Toys:

Remove any items in arena that do not belong.
Repair or replace any damaged ‘toys’ or obstacles
Paint rails, jump standards, fencing.

The Trailer:

Check all tires.
Inspect floorboards & frame.
Check all electrical connectors.
Check brakes and lights.
Remove all old bedding, mats – wash, disinfect, replace
Wash down inside of trailer and disinfect.
Wash and wax entire trailer.
Make sure registration numbers and plates are visible.

In General - GO GREEN:

Use “green” disinfectants.

Replace standard lighting with solar where possible.

Use rain barrels to water landscaping.

Replace electrical fence chargers with solar chargers.

Unplug any electrical appliances or tools when not in use.

Recycle, recycle, recycle – anything and everything.

Use empty feed bags for trash or storage.

Save baling twine neatly to use for a myriad of projects.

Turn your manure pile into a compost pile.

Be creative!