

newsletter

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BLENDING NATURE AND TECHNOLOGY



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Wishing all our Loyal Customers a very Happy Holiday
and all the best for 2016.



WIN A BAG OF EQUUS

To celebrate the launch of our [new website](#) we will be giving away a bag of feed each week for the next month via our Facebook page. [Like our Facebook page](#) to see what bag we are giving away this week.

LEAVING HOME

Being away from home for the holidays or a vacation is often challenging for horse owners. Equus Feeds has compiled the following checklist so you can leave home knowing your horses' needs and safety are covered.

Stable Yard

Arrange for someone to visit your yard every day if you do not have a full time manager. This will ensure that there are another pair of eyes for both security and welfare reasons.

Create a checklist of important contacts including:

- Vet (include after hours numbers)
- Farrier
- Your contact details
- Yard manager's contact details
- Feed supplier's details
- Fire department
- Check security features are working and in good order
- Ensure only registered/named people have the security codes for your property or even create a new one for this period.



Paddocks

Do a sweep of the paddocks to ensure there are no areas in need of repair which could cause problems for your yard sitter.

Depose of any poisonous plants and collect any droppings to leave your pastures clean over the holidays

Draw up a turnout list for staff to ensure each horse gets as much turnout time as possible, especially when owners/riders are away and unable to exercise horses.

Ensure there is enough hay in your paddocks if grazing is low. Using large round bales here can be beneficial as they can provide hay for an extended period of time.

Feed Room

Ensure all feeds are labelled and that the diet schedules are written out clearly and are up to date for each horse.

Ensure you have ordered enough feed and roughage before you leave so that staff are not left to arrange this for you.

If you are going away for long periods, consider reducing concentrate feed for those "good doers" to avoid excessive weight gain.

Buy a scale so that all feeds are weighed correctly. Don't rely on your scoop alone as each person feeding can fill to different proportions.

Wellness

Ensure that all horses are up to date with vaccinations and deworming.

If your horse has been unwell, ensure all sitters/staff know the correct procedures to follow.

Check all water points and outlets

Draw up a fire evacuation plan which is clearly displayed for all to see

Should owners/riders be actively riding during your time away, ensure they know that they do so at their own risk.

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