

Disaster Preparedness and Your Flock

The ideal emergency response plan calls for self-sufficiency and depends on having time to organize your response before the emergency happens. *The time to prepare for an emergency and put together an emergency kit is not at the moment you need to evacuate!*

Fill out and keep this section. Follow the preparedness guidelines listed after the questionnaire with the goal of being able to answer "Yes" to each question.

Preparedness checklist	YES	NO
Do you have basic supplies collected together in a waterproof, portable container in case of rapid evacuation?		
Do you have one or more methods of identification for each bird (leg band, microchip, tattoo, photo, written proof of ownership, or medical records)?		
If any of your birds are on medication, are the medicines stored in one location, collected into a single container, in case of rapid evacuation?		
Do you have a seven day supply of food and water set aside?		
Do you have enough extra food and water dishes for each emergency cage or transport container?		
Have you established possible emergency evacuation sites with family or friends?		
Do you have an emergency contact number outside the Southcentral region?		
Have you practiced evacuation procedures?		

Preparedness guidelines:

- ✓ Keep emergency supplies together in a portable waterproof container. Keep the container in a safe place near an exit door to your house.
- ✓ Keep identification records, photos, proof of ownership, and medical records together, preferably in a waterproof container, ready to take at a moments notice. Identification records should include name, description, gender, age, and medical information for each bird. Records should be kept as up-to-date as possible.
- ✓ Keep medicines together, preferably in a waterproof container, ready to take at a moments notice.
- ✓ Keep survey tape and a permanent (non water-based) marker on hand for quick identification of cages or transport containers.
- ✓ Have a transportable amount of food and water on hand, enough to feed your flock for up to four days. Include enough food and water dishes for each cage or transport container.
- ✓ Talk to family and friends. Establish Primary and Secondary evacuation sites.
- ✓ Establish an emergency contact number outside the Southcentral Alaska region.
- ✓ Practice evacuation procedures. Make sure emergency supplies, food, water, and birds will fit into your escape vehicle(s).