

Fire Prevention Checklist

Keep this list handy, courtesy of Laurie Loveman.

Using this checklist from firesafetyinbarns.com, walk through your barn and see what needs to be corrected.

Mark this form with Yes or No next to each question to identify problem areas that need correction.

- ☐ Are aisles and doorways clear of debris or "stored" objects?
- ☐ Are cobwebs removed weekly, if not more often?
- ☐ Are all electric motors on both fixed and portable appliances completely sealed?
- ☐ Have all lightweight (lamp-type) extension cords been removed?
- ☐ If extension cords are in use (temporarily only) are they industrial or heavy-duty rated?
- ☐ Are any electrical cords hanging from or supported by nails?
- ☐ Is all permanent electrical wiring in conduit?
- ☐ Are cages installed over all light bulbs?
- ☐ Is there a master electric power switch on the outside of the barn?
- ☐ Is there a frost-proof water hydrant at or near the entrance to the barn?
- ☐ Is there a water hose long enough to reach the opposite end of the barn?
- ☐ Is hay stored stored in a shed or in another building at least 100 feet from the barn?
- ☐ Is hay dry and well-cured? Is hay in a waterproof area?
- ☐ Is stall bedding stored in an area away from the animals?
- ☐ Is used stall bedding (manure pile) kept in an area away from the barn?
- ☐ Have cleaning cloths contaminated with any petroleum product been properly disposed of?
- ☐ Is a sign with fire department information posted by the telephone?
- ☐ Is an emergency animal escape plan displayed?
- ☐ If you have a "runway" exit to a pasture, have all animals been trained to use it?
- ☐ Can fire apparatus reach the barn? (Check road surface, gate and curbs.)
- ☐ Have you invited your fire department to visit your property for purposes of making a pre-plan?

Once you've identified the possible problem areas, visit firestafetyinbarns.com for solutions.