



WSDA works with local, state, federal, and industry partners to support the safety and recovery of citizens, evacuees, and all livestock and companion animals. During and immediately after an incident, there are steps you can take to start the recovery process.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Make a list of local contacts that can help before and after a disaster:
 - ✓ Veterinarian
 - ✓ Local animal rescue groups
 - ✓ USDA Farm Service Agency
 - ✓ Conservation District
 - ✓ WSU Extension Office
 - ✓ Industry groups/associations
- Sign up for city/county emergency alert notifications and follow emergency instructions given.



ANIMAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Check on animals and property for damage - ventilation, water supply, feed supply, and structural repairs should be assessed in that order.
 - ✓ Seek veterinary care if needed, ensure you have required medications.
 - ✓ Ensure animals have plenty of clean water, food and extra bedding.
 - ✓ Check fence line for damages.
- Evaluate existing structures for safety, and ensure power is available for water pumps.
- Evacuated livestock may be sheltered at local fairgrounds and feed may be available.
 - ✓ Contact livestock associations and county emergency management offices for immediate assistance.
 - ✓ Red Cross shelters may accommodate household pets or they may be housed in a different location with support from animal welfare groups.



HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY

- If you are experiencing a medical or safety emergency, contact 911.
- If asked to evacuate, listen to local officials for information about the nearest temporary evacuation point.
- If you need immediate help, please contact your local Red Cross to find an open shelter.
 - ✓ All Red Cross shelters are accessible to people with disabilities and service animals are also welcome.





DOCUMENT



- Document a description and location of physical damages to your operations that are directly related to the natural disaster events.
 - ✓ Include additional details that will help establish need for recovery funding:
 - Information about items lost or damaged, or documentation of reduced agricultural income or activity.
 - Pictures, certifications, and other documentation of the damages or losses, including animal mortalities.
 - Mark carcasses to show they have been counted.
 - ✓ WSDA can help farmers and ranchers through brand inspection or ear tag identification if you need to identify livestock lost to a disaster. Contact WSDA at ahhealth@agr.wa.gov or 360-902-1878 for help in identifying livestock or assessing disposal options.

REPORT



- Contact the local branch of the following organizations and provide the information you documented to begin the recovery process:
 - ✓ Insurance provider
 - ✓ USDA Farm Service Agency
 - ✓ County Emergency Management office
 - ✓ Livestock and farm associations
 - ✓ Conservation District

RECOVER



- The Red Cross and local partners can help you return to your home if you evacuated.
 - ✓ They can provide clean up supplies; meal delivery to areas that lack power and water; and a case worker to help you access any available funding for your repair efforts.
 - ✓ If your home will not be ready right away, they can help you locate transitional housing.
- Recovering from a disaster can be a stressful time. It is normal that you or your loved ones might feel anxious, sad, scared, or angry. You are not alone. It is okay to seek out and ask for help. Call one of the numbers below for crisis support and self-care resources for you and the people you care about:

FARM AID HOTLINE: 1-800-FARM-AID (1-800-327-6243)
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE: 988 or 1-800-273-8255