

# Shelter in Place Tips & Information



Shelter in Place is one of several options to create a safe place for livestock in the event of an emergency.

## IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE

1. Create and manage an area that has less fuel sources, some examples would include those of a heavily tilled or plowed area or recently grazed field that has little to no stubble.
  - Ensure that the area is watered, shaded and is not located near a forested area.
  - Before placing the animals, create a furrow boundary and plough around the outside.
2. Be prepared to move animals and gather in the area with food and water.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Plan for an area that has plenty of access to food and clean water, as well as is high enough to protect from flooding.
2. Safe Pastures have the following characteristics:
  - Exotic trees can uproot easily, and ideally native trees are preferred.
  - Look for an area with no overhead power lines or poles.
  - Reduce debris sources that could become airborne and injure animals.
  - Woven wire is preferred, barbed wire is not recommended.
  - Create an open area that is at least one acre (0.4 hectare).
3. Food and supplies should be gathered for at least 72 hours for yourself and family.
4. Upon evaluation, if your property can not reach this criteria, speak to local emergency management officials and your veterinarian about other options.

Please contact Lamont County Emergency Services if you require additional resources (780) 895-2233.

### Information provided from:

Lamont County Livestock Emergency Plan

Wildfires and Livestock—Alberta Agriculture and Forestry— [http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/com14420](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/com14420)

Emergency Preparedness for Farm Animals—Government of Canada— <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/frm-nmls/index-en.aspx>