



# HORSE ROOKIE'S ULTIMATE PACKING & HORSE TRAILERING CHECKLIST

## TOW VEHICLE // PACKING LIST

- ☐ Flashlight (with spare batteries)
- ☐ Tire gauge
- ☐ Emergency blankets
- ☐ Jumper cables
- ☐ Lug wrench
- ☐ Flares and/or warning triangles
- ☐ Quick fix tire repair spray
- ☐ Extra engine oil and funnel
- ☐ Spare fuses
- ☐ Tool kit including a wire cutter
- ☐ Road atlas
- ☐ Tie-down cables
- ☐ Extra cash and credit card
- ☐ Checkbook
- ☐ Purse/wallet
- ☐ Water/snacks in cooler with ice
- ☐ Chapstick
- ☐ Tow chain
- ☐ Kleenex
- ☐ Wet wipes
- ☐ Satellite phone
- ☐ Knife

## TOW VEHICLE // PRE-TRIP LIST

- ☐ Double-check tow packing list
- ☐ Maintenance up to date
- ☐ Tires in good condition / check tire pressure
- ☐ Spare tire in good condition / check tire pressure
- ☐ Brakes in good condition
- ☐ Fluids in good condition
- ☐ Headlights and brake lights
- ☐ Fill gas tank
- ☐ Check oil
- ☐ Test brake controller
- ☐ Turn on haul button (if applicable)
- ☐ Set / release parking brake
- ☐ Lock/unlock doors

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## MY TRIP

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Destination: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## TRAILERING TIPS

- Clean your trailer after every use.
- Wash your trailer regularly.
- Regularly check for rust, leaks, rot, etc.
- Keep your hitch in good repair at all times.
- Maintain tire pressure.
- Schedule an annual maintenance appointments.
- Allow extra time for stops and rest breaks.
- If hauling over 12 hours, break up your trip by staying overnight.
- Maintain a safe distance with other vehicles.
- Signal for turns earlier than you would driving withoutfly your trailer.

**TOW VEHICLE // PACKING LIST (CONT.)**

- ☐ First aid kit including aspirin
- ☐ Work gloves
- ☐ Emergency instructions stored in plain sight
- ☐ Important paperwork (depends on situation)
- ☐ Registration for truck and trailer
- ☐ Proof of insurance for truck and trailer
- ☐ Written list of important phone numbers
- ☐ Printed map of your route
- ☐ Health certificate
- ☐ Proof of negative Coggins
- ☐ Brand inspection
- ☐ Horse registration
- ☐ Copy of show test or pattern
- ☐ Copy of show class list/schedule
- ☐ Show rule book
- ☐ Membership cards (e.g. AQHA)
- ☐ Equestrian motor insurance card
- ☐ Horse insurance paperwork (e.g. liability)
- ☐ Map of destination trail system
- ☐ List of trailer friendly gas stations / rest stops
- ☐ Horse care routine

**NOTES:****HORSE TRAILER // PACKING LIST**

- ☐ Spare tire / jack
- ☐ Wheel chocks
- ☐ Safety ties
- ☐ Flashlight (with spare batteries)
- ☐ WD-40
- ☐ Rope
- ☐ Knife
- ☐ Water / tank (5-20 gallons)
- ☐ Hose
- ☐ Electrical tape / duct tape
- ☐ Spare light bulbs
- ☐ Muck bucket
- ☐ Pitchfork/shovel/broom
- ☐ Bleacher seat / chairs
- ☐ Fire extinguisher (check pressure)
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Toilet Paper

- ☐ Extension cord
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Shovel (winter)
- ☐ Sand (winter)
- ☐ Candle and matches or lighter (winter)
- ☐ Tire chains (winter)
- ☐ Purchase / set aside bag of shavings

**HORSE TRAILER // PRE-TRIP LIST**

- ☐ Double-check horse trailer packing list
- ☐ Secure anything inside horse compartment
- ☐ Check brakes
- ☐ Check lights
- ☐ Trailer hitch check (inc. chains)
- ☐ Dirt swept out
- ☐ Mats clean
- ☐ No rattling/loose parts
- ☐ Tires in good condition / check pressure

**HORSE TRAILER // PRE-TRIP LIST (CONT.)**

- ☐ Spare tire in good condition / check pressure
- ☐ No sharp edges or wires
- ☐ Check for bees or wasps
- ☐ Check the partitions and all locks and bolts
- ☐ Fill / empty water tank
- ☐ Add shavings
- ☐ Hay nets are securely fastened
- ☐ Butt chains or bars are fastened
- ☐ All doors, windows, and gates securely latched
- ☐ Open / close windows
- ☐ Open / close ceiling vents
- ☐ Lock/unlock doors
- ☐ Back truck until ball / hitch align
- ☐ Lower / raise hitch onto ball with crank
- ☐ Crank up / down trailer foot
- ☐ Lock down / up hitch ball // Insert pin
- ☐ Attach / remove chains to each side of hitch
- ☐ Plug in / remove electric
- ☐ Affix emergency brake cord
- ☐ Tidy up cords/chains so they don't drag
- ☐ Add / remove wheel chocks
- ☐ Check under the trailer for objects and animals
- ☐ Trailer weight within limits

**NOTES:****HORSE // PACKING LIST**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Halter x 2 (one breakaway)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lead rope x 2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Crop/whip</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sheet/blanket/cooler/fly sheet/mask</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leg wraps</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shipping boots</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hay (bring extra)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hay bag (slow feed net and bale storage)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Leather Punch</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cinch/girth</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Woof boots</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bucket Hangers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Feed (bring extra)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supplements</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Feed scoop (or pre-pack)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bedding (if needed)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water/feed buckets</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Grooming supplies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spare latigos &amp; leather ties for saddle</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bathing supplies + sweat scraper</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Saddle</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Saddle pad x 2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breastcollar/martingale</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Crupper (if needed)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spare bit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bridle x 2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cross ties</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Neck strap (if needed for jumping)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Trail halter (if needed)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check all tack for proper fit and safety/wear</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medications</li> </ul> |
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**HORSE // PRE-TRIP LIST (CONT.)**

- ☐ Lunge line/whip
- ☐ Fly spray
- ☐ Earplugs (if needed)
- ☐ Head bumper (if needed)
- ☐ Treats
- ☐ Braiding kit
- ☐ Towels/rags
- ☐ Clippers (optional)
- ☐ Grooming sprays / hoof polish / spot cleaner
- ☐ Leather conditioner / cleaner / wipes
- ☐ Silver polish
- ☐ Baling twine
- ☐ Saddlebags/Horn Bags
- ☐ Emergency Hoof Protection
- ☐ Hobbles
- ☐ Picket line

**HORSE // PRE-TRIP LIST**

- ☐ Double-check horse packing list
- ☐ Once-over body check
- ☐ Standing wraps or travel boots (if desired)
- ☐ Swap to breakaway travel halter
- ☐ Fly mask on (if desired)
- ☐ Offer water
- ☐ Offer salt
- ☐ Tie horse securely

**NOTES:****HORSE RIDER // PACKING LIST**

- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ Cell phone charger x 2
- ☐ Cell phone leg holster
- ☐ Helmet x 2
- ☐ Safety vests
- ☐ Compass (if needed)
- ☐ Show clothes
- ☐ Barn clothes
- ☐ Jacket/coat (weather dependent)
- ☐ Rain jacket (weather dependent)
- ☐ Layers, layers, layers!
- ☐ Out and about clothes
- ☐ Belt(s)
- ☐ Baseball hat, cowboy hat, or visor
- ☐ Gloves (barn and show)
- ☐ Extra hair ties / bandana
- ☐ Neck gaiter
- ☐ Chapstick
- ☐ Riding boots
- ☐ Muck boots
- ☐ Everyday shoes
- ☐ Spurs
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Contact lenses/glasses
- ☐ Orange safety vest



**HORSE RIDER // PACKING LIST (CONT.)**

- ☐ Camera & batteries
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Hair ties
- ☐ Makeup bag/toiletries
- ☐ Sewing kit
- ☐ Cover ups for grooming
- ☐ Beverage with electrolytes
- ☐ Lint roller
- ☐ Safety pins
- ☐ Boots/socks
- ☐ Show pants/chaps
- ☐ Show coat
- ☐ Show shirt
- ☐ Boot pulls/jack
- ☐ Breeches/jodhpurs
- ☐ Undergarments

- ☐ Stock tie and pin (dressage)
- ☐ Number pins/lapel pin
- ☐ Hair net/hair pins
- ☐ Watch (eventing)
- ☐ Knife
- ☐ Water, food, snacks
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Bug spray
- ☐ Medical ID bracelet
- ☐ Headphones

**HORSE RIDER // PRE-TRIP LIST**

- ☐ Double-check horse rider packing list
- ☐ Tell someone where you're going, your route, and when you'll check in that you've arrived safely
- ☐ Review your route
- ☐ Use the restroom!

**NOTES:**