Wise Winterizing

Ice & Dust & Snow! Oh my.

- Cut Down on Dust Devils
  More time spent indoors due to endless rain means less time on your horse's health. Muck stalls more frequently (preferably without the horse in the stall). Take precautions to reduce dust in feed and maintain the footing in the indoor arena. Take the opportunity to improve your facilities.

- Why you may not want to dash through deep snow
  Deep snow can hide dangerous holes and hazards. The hard work of riding through several feet of snow or an unexpected slip can cause muscle, tendon and ligament injuries.

- Ice
  The enemy of both horses and their owners. In thought, ice can inhibit horses from consuming an adequate amount of water which in turn can lead to colic. A heated water source is best for encouraging horses to drink. On paddocks and in paddock areas, ice can cause injuries resulting from slipping and sliding. Keep shovels, shavings, sand and salt handy. Ice in water pipes can lead to a real mess if they freeze solid, causing a potential rupture and a subsequent food. Protect your pipes, stable and water supply with adequate insulation.

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top seasonal tips

1. Clear the path - There are more pathways on your farm than just the parking lot! Consider where emergency vehicles might need to access your property, such as laneways and gates to paddocks.
2. Vaccination preparation - You have earned some downtime. Set your mind at ease while you are on holiday by making sure your emergency protocol is up to par with this handy checklist.
3. Take time to learn - Winter is a perfect time to curl up with an informative eWorkshop. Registration is now open for Equine Guelph’s next 2 week online offering of Behaviour and Safety (Feb 23 - Mar 9) with world renowned guest speaker Dr. Rebecca Giminez from Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue.
4. Plan a Clinic - Industry professionals: Once you have completed Equine Guelph’s Behaviour and Safety eWorkshop you are set to host your own workshop using our facilitator kit.
5. Keep seniors content - Are you Brennan of your aging equid because he looks a bit lean this season or has he grown more winter woolies than ever before? Learn to recognize metabolic changes to promote quality of life in elderly equines. Test your knowledge with the Senior Horse Workshop.

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New Year, New YOU?

68% of survey respondents replied their veterinarian was their primary source of information on equine health.

Have you ever enrolled in an online course?

Yes/No

This short survey asks what would interest you most about studying with Equine Guelph? If you do not use online continuing education, tell us why you choose to study with Equine Guelph? 

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12. FROM THE GROUND UP - EQUINE WELFARE
13. Equine welfare is an important priority for every association and club to intertwine in all programs, rules and procedures. In 2015, Equine Guelph invites the industry to join us throughout the year to learn more about the Code of Practice.
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to help keep our industry moving forward in its support of equine welfare. Invite your friends to join the team of horse owners 'helping horses for life' at EquineGuelph.ca. Each month our monthly e-news will focus on a specific chapter of the new National Code of Practice for Equine Welfare, giving you the keys to the code.

encourages a high level of health care and management for your horse. Use this nationally developed guideline (Equine Canada and NFACC) to comply with industry standards.

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