

State 4-H Western Horse Show Packing List

Below is a list of things you should consider bringing for the health and comfort of your equine companion. This list was adapted from "Horse & Rider: Best-Ever Show-Day Checklist" Found here:

https://horseandrider.com/training/show_checklist_121709

PAPERWORK

- 5-7 Day Health Certificate with Temperature Written on It
- Rule book
- Paper and pens/pencils
- Map/directions to the show facility; phone number to call in case you get lost

GEAR

- Saddle
- Saddle pads or blankets (schooling and show)
- Cinch or girth
- Bridles (schooling and show)
- Bits (make sure they are legal according to the rulebook)
- Tie down and/or martingale
- Breast collar
- Show halter/lead
- Extra pair of reins
- Protective boots/wraps
- Spare bridle screws and screwdriver
- Leather hole puncher
- Tack trunk
- Saddle covers

HORSE CARE ITEMS

- Feed (it's best to bring the usual feed your horse is accustomed to. Bring enough for the duration of your stay)
- Feed bucket or tub

- Hay
- Hay net/tub
- Water buckets
- Bucket hooks and/or snaps
- Stall fans
- Extension cords
- Duct tape and bungee cords
- Electrolyte paste or powder (if it's hot consult your vet)
- Manure fork and bucket or wheelbarrow
- Broom
- Bedding shavings or straw (will be available for purchase)
- Sheet or fly net/fly mask
- Cooler, if needed
- Shipping boots
- Halter and lead rope (it's good to have extra!)
- Longe line and whip
- Treats for a good horse

TACK CARE

- Saddle soap/leather cleaner
- Saddle oil
- Sponges/cloths
- Roll of paper towels
- Silver polish
- Small bucket
- Bit wipes
- Old toothbrush for cleaning saddle stitching and tooling

FIRST AID (FOR YOU AND YOUR HORSE)

- Complete vet kit (Consult with your vet for suggested items.)
 - Equine first-aid book (<https://extension.usu.edu/equine/equine-first-aid-flipbook>)
- Your vet's phone number/phone number of vet near the show facility
- Iodine-based antiseptic solution (Betadine)
- Triple antibiotic ointment
- Nonstick gauze pads

- Self-conforming gauze rolls
- Stretch bandaging tape
- Elastic adhesive tape
- Scissors
- Cotton/disposable diaper or sanitary pad (to use under wraps as an emergency bandage)
- Chemical ice pack
- Liniment
- Sunscreen (for you and your horses, if needed)
- Eye flush
- Advil or Tylenol (for you)
- Human first-aid kit

GROOMING SUPPLIES

- Currycomb
- Brushes
- Towels
- Sponges
- Hoof pick
- Sweat scraper
- Bucket
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Spray-on coat conditioner
- Mane/tail detangler
- Fly spray/insect repellent
- Hose, if needed
- Baby powder or corn starch (for brightening white markings)
- Baby oil or commercial highlighter (to dress eyes and muzzle)
- Hoof sealer or hoof black (if your association permits)
- Electric and/or battery-operated clippers
- Plastic razor (for last-minute whisker clipping)
- Mane/tail comb
- Hair brush
- Rubber bands for banding
- Yarn for braiding
- Scissors
- Tail wrap

RIDER ATTIRE/PERSONAL GROOMING

- Pants (jeans/Western show pants)
- Chaps (schooling or show)
- Shirt
- Neck scarf
- Tie, pin, or choker
- Boots (schooling and show)/socks
- Gloves
- Belt and buckle, if needed
- Hat
- Helmet
- Hair nets (bring several and make sure they match your hair color)
- Bobby pins
- Safety pins
- Grooming apron/coveralls/wash pants
- Hair comb/brush
- Hair spray/gel
- Mirror
- Appropriate jewelry, if needed
- Rain jacket
- Rubber rain boots
- Extra towels
- Boot polish and rags
- Hat brush
- Stain remover
- Sewing kit and scissors

MISCELLANEOUS

- Emergency cash
- Jacks/spare tire/tools for vehicle and trailer
- Jumper cables/spare fuses
- Flashlight/batteries/emergency flares
- Camera and/or video recorder
- Folding chairs
- Plastic bags
- Extra clothes
- Extra paper towels
- Wet Ones (or other antibacterial wipes)
- Umbrella/sun shade
- Trailer block
- Shade awning/rain canopy

- Insect repellent for you
- Ice chest
- Cold drinks/bottled water/Gatorade
- Nutritious snacks: fruit, sandwiches, granola bars, energy bars, nuts
- Paper cups
- Reading material for downtime: books, newspapers, crossword puzzles, horse-related reading material
- Box for putting ribbons in (to protect them)
- Cell phone and extra charger