



## Pigs-During

### Plan

Disasters can take many forms, from hurricanes, flooding, electrical storms, high wind, extreme hot/cold, blizzards, tornadoes, wildfires, etc. It is important during an emergency that you follow the directions of emergency personnel whether to evacuate yourself and your animals or whether to shelter in place. Sometimes sheltering in place is the only option for our farm animals. Before disaster strikes, decide what the best place to keep your pigs. This could mean moving pastured pigs inside the barn or moving them to a different paddock.

If not already done and time permits, sign up to receive critical alerts by checking your town or county Office of Emergency Management.

### Prepare

Be aware that prior to and during a disaster, the reactions of pigs can change and will be based on fear and instinct. These animals can become frightened by loud noises, flashes of lightening, increasing water levels and falling/moving debris. Animals may be more difficult to move and normal calm pigs can become difficult to handle. If you plan to move your animals inside a barn or to another pasture, it is important to do this before the emergency, if at all possible.

Gather up your "Go Bag" [http://animalemergency.nj.gov/documents/Livestock\\_Go\\_Bag.pdf](http://animalemergency.nj.gov/documents/Livestock_Go_Bag.pdf) and enough food, water and bedding for at least three days.

During a disaster, storm conditions and updates are given by emergency personnel. Listen to alerts regarding weather and disaster information, along with official instructions and announcements from emergency management, by checking alerts on your phone and TV or by listening to a battery-powered radio

### Act

1. Listen and follow announcements by emergency personnel to learn when to evacuate and if there are special evacuation routes for livestock.
2. If you plan to evacuate your pigs, try to leave early to ensure the safety of your animals and to ease your stress.
3. Call your preplanned destination to make sure the site is still available and not affected by the disaster. Otherwise follow the directions of the emergency personnel if a previous site has not been selected.
4. If you plan to shelter your pigs in place, leave them in the preselected area appropriate for the disaster type. Leave enough grain in grain feeders to last 48-72 hours. Place extra bedding

material in pens if needed. Fill up water containers so your animals have enough water for 48-72 hours. Do not rely on automatic watering systems in case the power is lost.