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Tips On "Going Green" In Your Barn



here are some simple, everyday changes that we can make around our homes and our barns, that will make us more eco-friendly. Here are a few going green tips that can get you started.

- Replace regular light bulbs with florescent bulbs. They use one quarter of the energy that regular bulbs use.
- Choose green horse products, like natural fly sprays without pesticides.
- Install skylight panels in your barn roof. This not only adds light, but also helps to heat the barn in those winter months.
- Cut back as much as possible on pesticides and fertilizers. Try using fly eliminators or fly predators instead.
- Try using straw instead of sawdust or shavings.
 Straws breaks down more quickly in the compost pile.
- Buy in bulk buy the largest bottles of shampoo and other horse care products that you can find.
- Use wheelbarrows instead of tractors for moving manure and bedding to the compost pile.
- Collect rainwater for your daily chores such as watering plants and bathing horses.

- Save feed bags for use as garbage bags around the barn.
- Compost organic matter such as grass clippings, manure and food.
- Use old horseshoes as hooks for items in the tack room.
- Buy a goat. If you only have one horse, he will not only serve as a companion, but also a weed whacker.
- Have a barn cat. He will keep out any unwanted rodents.
- Install bird houses. Some birds will eat several thousand flying insects a day.
- Save hay strings for emergency halters or lead ropes.

These are just a few examples of how you can start to go green in your barn. Eco-friendly horse-keeping will help to sustain the long term health of the land and also the animals that live on it.



Equestrian Events September 2011

- Aug 31-Sept 4, Del Mar Showpark All Seasons Tournament, Del Mar Horsepark at the Fairgrounds' equestrian facility, www.showpark.com
- **Sept 1-5, Burbank -** *Gold Coast 6 Hunter Jumper Show*, Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Langer Equestrian Group at 818-567-7317
- Sept 3, Sunland/Tujunga Free Horsemanship clinic, Weston Transformation Workshop, 1st Saturday of every month, Weston Horsemanship 818-352-7709, cw@celieweston.com
- Sept 3, Hemet 12 Acre Obstacle Course, Cactus Valley Equestrian Center, first Saturday of every month,
 CVEC 951-766-0246,
 www.cactusvalleyequestriancenter.com
- Sept 3, Poway Labor Day Weekend Polo Tournament, PVRA call Russ 619-206-8344
- Sept 3, Yucaipa Gymkhana is for EVERYONE with a horse!, www.cshareg14.webs.com
- Sept 3, Bear Valley ECR Race, Bear Valley Horseman's Association, Judge Bill Cameron, 661-350-6577, naturalbornriders.com
- **Sept 3-4, Vista -** Southern California Horseshow Circuit, Scott Hichey, Lance Bennett_760-744-3648
- Sept 9-11, Burbank Pacific Slope Arabian Sport
 Horse Championship, Los Angeles Equestrian Center,
 Nancy Harvy 626-390-8918
- Sept 10, Del Mar Friends of San Pasqual Academy
 Team Penning, to raise money for San Pasqual Academy, a boarding school for foster teens, Del Mar
 Arena, www.friendsofsanpasqualacademy.org
- **Sept 10-11, Del Mar** *Showpark County 5 Horse Show,* Del Mar Horsepark at the Fairgrounds' equestrian facility, www.showpark.com

- **Sept 10-11, Rosamond** *Bill Cameron ECR Clinic,*Cameron Ranch, 661-350-6577 naturalbornriders.com
- Sept II, Vista Plantation Walking Horse Association of California, Contact <u>Kathy Agosto</u> 858-395-2487
- **Sept 16-18, Del Mar** Del Mar International Dressage Horse Show, Del Mar Arena, <u>www.california-dressage.org</u>
- **Sept 17-18, Burbank** *NAPHA U.S. National Horse Show*, Los Angeles Equestrian Center, <u>www.napha.net</u>, 970-314-4559
- Sept 17-18, Riverside Diamond Valley Lake and Lake Skinner Camping Trail Ride, Bicycle Ride, and hike with hosts Lynn Mattocks and Bob Hewitt, www.riversidecountyparks.org.
- **Sept 17-18, Del Mar** *Signature 5 Horse Show*, Del Mar Horsepark at the Fairgrounds' equestrian facility, robinserfass@cox.net
- **Sept 21-25, Burbank** L.A. International Jumping Festival, Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Langer Equestrian Group at 818-567-7317
- **Sept 23-24, Poway -** *Poway Rodeo,* Poway Valley Riders Association, www.powayrodeo.com
- **Sept 23-25, Vista** Wagon Wheel, <u>www.vistapalomarriders.com/calendar.htm</u>
- Sept 24, Burbank Grand Prix Show Jumping, Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Center Box Office at 818-840-9066.
- **Sept 24-25, Del Mar** *CDS Dressage,* Del Mar Horsepark at the Fairgrounds' equestrian facility, www.sandiegodressage.com
- Sept 28-Oct 2, Del Mar Del Mar International Horse Show, Del Mar Arena Complex, Awww.jumpdelmar.com



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Most folks are like a barb-wire fence, they have their good points. PAGE 4 —Unknown

Strange Horse Laws

- It's illegal in Marion, South Carolina, to tickle a female under her chin with a feather duster to get her attention while she's riding a horse.
- In New York City, it is illegal to open or close an umbrella in the presence of a horse.
- It is illegal to fish from horseback in Washington D.C, Colorado, and Utah and Tennessee prohibits riders from lassoing fish.
- A fine of \$25 can be levied for flirting. This old law specifically prohibits men from turning around on any city street and looking "at a woman in that way." A second conviction for a crime of this magnitude calls for the violating male to be forced to wear a "pair of horse-blinders" wherever and whenever he goes outside for a stroll.
- In Guernee, Illinois, it is illegal for women weighing more than 200 pounds to ride horses in shorts.
- In Kentucky, it is illegal for a woman to appear in a bathing suit on a highway unless she is: escorted by at least two police officers; armed with a club; or lighter than 90 pounds or heavier than 200 pounds. The ordinance also specifically exempts female horses from such restrictions.
- In Arizona, it is illegal for cowboys to walk through a hotel lobby wearing their spurs.
- In Raton, New Mexico, it is illegal for a woman to ride horseback down a public street with a kimono on.

- In South Carolina, it is legal for adult males to discharge firearms when approaching an intersection in a non-horse vehicle to warn oncoming horse traffic.
- A miss-worded ordinance in Wolf Point, Montana: "No horse shall be allowed in public without its owner wearing a halter."
- In South Carolina, no horses are allowed into Fountain Inn unless they are wearing pants.
- In Omega, New Mexico, every woman must "be found to be wearing a corset" when riding a horse in public! A doctor is required to inspect each woman to make sure that she is complying with the law.
- Pennsylvania law states: ``Any motorist who sights a team of horses coming toward him must pull well off the road, cover his car with a blanket or canvas that blends with the countryside, and let the horses pass. If the horses appear skittish, the motorist must take his car apart, piece by piece, and hide it under the nearest bushes."
- In Hartsville, Illinois, you can be arrested for riding an ugly horse.
- Pattonsburg, Missouri, Revised Ordinances, 1884: "No person shall hallo, shout, bawl, scream, use profane language, dance, sing, whoop, quarrel, or make any unusual noise or sound in such manner as to disturb a horse."
- Abilene, Kansas, City Ordinance 349 declares: "Any person who shall in the city of Abilene shoot at a horse with any concealed or unconcealed bean snapper or like article, shall upon conviction, be fined."
- Marshalltown, Iowa, it is against the law for a horse to eat a fire hydrant