Autumn care checklist

Water, access, supplies and care cover for wetter weather and shorter days.

Horse and checklist details

Horse's name

Yard or location

Autumn year and checklist reference

Started by, with date

Mark whether each check applies: Yes, No or To confirm. Yes is not evidence of a completed check. Record the finding, checker and date; write Not yet checked where needed. Blank means not recorded. Add only agreed actions and dates; write Not agreed if still missing. Only text visible inside a box will print; each line break uses space. If a box is full, continue in a separate blank copy of this PDF, using the same horse and checklist reference. Do not duplicate a page within the PDF. On paper, use another printed copy of the relevant page.

Check water and access

Check	Applies?	Finding; checked by and date	Agreed next step	Person responsible	Agreed date
A1. Usual water supply: check access and operation; identify who to contact if it fails.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A2. Backup water: check the agreed source, containers, location and who can provide it if the usual supply is unavailable.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A3. Drinkers and pipes: check flow, leaks, visible damage and the condition of existing pipe protection.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A4. Lighting: check lights on the routes used for care, switches and the agreed backup light.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A5. Access: check gates and routes used by carers, feed deliveries and the vet; record any obstruction or weather-related restriction.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				

Record the actual water point, pipe, light or route. A backup arrangement is not confirmed until the people involved have agreed it.

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Check the yard and supplies

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A6. Drainage: check accessible drains and ditches for visible blockages and record standing water.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A7. Mud and slippery areas: check gateways, water points and care routes; identify the location and existing management arrangements.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A8. Shelter: check visible damage, access and whether the agreed shelter remains available as leaves fall.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A9. Feed and forage storage: check for leaks, damp, damaged containers and signs of pests.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A10. Supplies: compare available feed, forage and bedding with the yard's agreed stock plan; check supplier contacts and delivery access.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A11. Equipment: check the rugs and yard tools used in the existing plan; identify repairs and where working replacements are kept.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				

Name each damaged item or affected area. Keep repairs and missing supplies open until their actual outcomes are recorded.

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Check instructions and cover

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A12. Care instructions: locate current turnout, feed, water and rug arrangements, their sources and any agreed changes; check carers can access them.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A13. Weather disruption: check who has agreed to cover care if the usual carer cannot reach the yard, and how they will access instructions and supplies.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				
A14. Care records: locate existing records and already agreed appointments; identify missing information or unconfirmed bookings.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				

A named backup carer is not confirmed cover. An advised date, a confirmed appointment and completed care are separate facts.

Your own check

Check	Applies?	Finding; checked by and date	Agreed next step	Person responsible	Agreed date
A15. Additional check: describe it in the finding.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ To confirm				

Questions and work still open

Check reference or question	Agreed action, person and date	Actual answer or outcome, source and date	What remains open

Use the check reference to connect follow-up to the original finding. Record what actually happened, who did it or supplied the answer, and when. Keep unresolved work visible; an inspection, booking or message is not evidence that the work is finished.