

# Farm Inspection Checklist

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We face risks every day in our personal & business lives. Preventative actions can help protect yourself, your family and your farm! This checklist covers items you should consider on a regular basis.

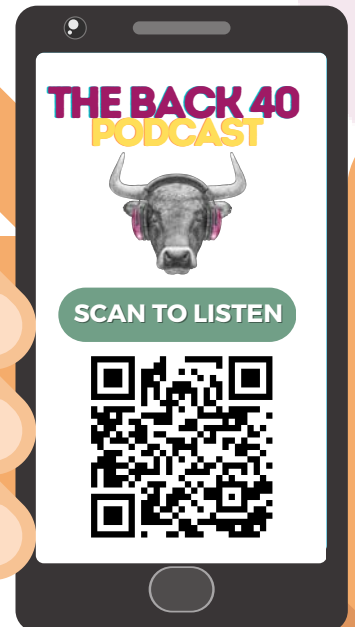
\* We always recommend hiring a qualified contractor to complete necessary changes \*

## General

- Test your generator regularly
- Ensure exhaust vents are clear & free of obstruction, and include proper covers on the exterior
- Inspect & clean wood burning appliances annually
- Store chemicals in a designated area
- Exercise and initiate a rodent control plan
- Install fire detection/suppression systems in utility rooms
- Install smoke alarms & CO detectors & fire extinguishers
- Provide handrails
- Ensure manure pits are fenced with no run-off
- Inspect fences & gates
- Park vehicles & equipment indoors in poor weather

## Farm Tractors & Equipment

- Ensure all lights and indicators are clean and working.
- Ensure all vehicle warning lights are the correct color
- Install slow moving vehicle signs
- Ensure wheels & tires are in good condition and correctly inflated
- Store equipment in a clean state & environment
- Carry fire extinguishers on equipment. Especially in heavily combustible environments (i.e. balers, chopping/spreading straw)
- NEVER drive distracted



## Electrical

- Know your electrical. Install Prevtch
- Maintain adequate clearance around electrical panels
- Keep electrical clean & free of moisture
- Replace missing knockout fillers
- Exercise your electrical breakers
- Replace circuit breakers that trigger often
- Unplug tools/appliances when not in use
- Eliminate extension cords with permanent wiring
- Eliminate temporary heaters with permanent appliances installed by a qualified contractor
- Replace corroded electrical components
- Replace damaged electrical outlet & switch plate covers
- Upgrade electrical enclosures in high moisture & corrosive areas to NEMA Type 4
- Inspect electrical & mechanical systems using thermal technology (Available to all Trillium Mutual Members)

## Fuel Storage

- Maintain adequate clearance around oil tanks
- Protect fuel tanks from impact by installing bollards or move it to a safer location
- Protect the fuel oil tank filter from impact
- Visually inspect fuel oil tanks & systems often
- Inspect fuel oil tanks and appliances by an Oil Burner Technician every 10 years
- Replace corroded fuel tanks

## Structural

- Consider installing hurricane lights
- Observe building envelope & verify no missing or loose cladding
- Secure sliding doors when open or closed
- Inspect & maintain truss gusset plates in high moisture & corrosive environments
- Do not store items in an open web truss
- Cover spray foam insulation with a protective thermal barrier
- Prepare an action plan to address severe snow load

## Water

- Install a sump pit and pump with secondary pump or battery back up
- Install a backwater valve on the main line
- Test your sump pump each month
- Install flood alarms
- Install a containment unit under hot water heater(s) and washing machines
- Remove debris from the eaves troughs
- Extend downspouts & Grading 1.8m (6ft) away from the building foundation
- Inspect water supply lines to fixtures and appliances annually

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