

# Creating a Winter Paddock

When creating your horse's winter paddock, think of three questions: What will be convenient? Where will it be driest? And how much room does my horse need to move around?



## Convenient

Pick an area **close to your barn**. You may want to have one paddock per horse set up like a run off each stall. This will allow horses free access to the stall and will give you a clean, dry, convenient place to feed.



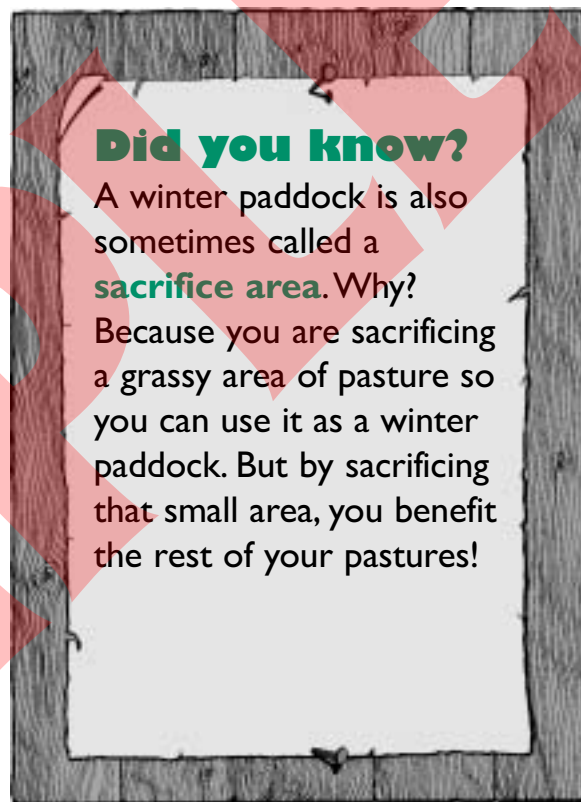
## Dry

Try to choose an area where the ground is dry and doesn't get muddy in the winter. Also try to put your winter paddock **as far away as possible from streams and ditches** to prevent water pollution!



## Room to Move

Winter paddocks should **be at least 20 feet wide by 20 feet long**. If you want to give your horse enough room to trot, you can build a winter paddock that is about 20 feet wide by 100 feet in length. An area 200 feet in length should give your horse enough room to safely gallop.



### Did you know?

A winter paddock is also sometimes called a **sacrifice area**. Why? Because you are sacrificing a grassy area of pasture so you can use it as a winter paddock. But by sacrificing that small area, you benefit the rest of your pastures!

