



Aussie Fence Doctor

Providing you with practical fencing tips and strategies

Top tips for electric fence maintenance

The most important way to make sure fences are secure is to check them regularly for trouble spots. All fences will require a degree of routine maintenance and you should implement a regular plan for maintenance. Here is some practical advice and tips to help with maintaining your electric fence in great condition:

- ✓ Use a fence tester to check the voltage on a regular basis to ensure at least 3,000 volts on the fence line.
- ✓ Leave the power on, don't let your horses become complacent and not respect the fence because you have turned the power off.
- ✓ Avoid tying tape directly to posts. Look for broken insulators or tensioners if there are any and replace them.
- ✓ Keep the fence tight and re-stretch/tension if necessary.
- ✓ Avoid tying knots in your tape; use the correct joiners to ensure the tape can be easily repaired and good electrical contact is maintained.
- ✓ Check for vegetation touching the fence; prune trees, spray under the fence line or cut weeds/grass regularly to avoid interference.
- ✓ Avoid hanging things on the fence such as rugs or hoses.
- ✓ Use the gates and avoid climbing through the fence, if your horses see you do it then why shouldn't they give it a try?
- ✓ Never drop electric gate handles on the ground, to ensure longevity of both the fence and the handle hook them back up.
- ✓ Incorporate a monthly walk around your fences in your paddock management plan to check for any damage or maintenance issues.

Please remember that **clean paddocks** and **fences kept in excellent working order** will mean **lower maintenance expenses** and **fewer vet bills** from those unexpected injuries.

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