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### Winter Blanketing Guidelines

Each animal's needs are to be determined individually based on coat length, age, and body condition, and available shelter. Horses do not need blankets over 55°F. Below 55°F, a blanket would depend strongly upon the factors stated above. The table below is a general guideline, extracted from *The Horse Journal*:

Temperature	Stabled/Clipped	Stabled/Unclipped	Turned Out/Unclipped
Above 60°F	Sheet	Nothing	Nothing
50°F	Lightweight blanket	Nothing	Turnout sheet or nothing
40°F	Midweight blanket	Nothing	Lightweight turnout or nothing
30°F	Midweight blanket	Lightweight blanket	Lightweight turnout or nothing
20°F	Heavyweight blanket(s)	Midweight blanket or nothing	Midweight turnout or nothing
10°F	Heavyweight blanket(s) and hood	Mid or heavyweight blanket or nothing	Midweight turnout or nothing
0°F	Heavyweight blanket(s) and hood	Heavyweight blanket or nothing	Heavyweight turnout
-10°F	Heavyweight or double blankets and hood	Heavyweight blankets(s)	Heavyweight turnout and hood

Horses do much better at cooler temperatures than most people think. Their large body mass makes it more difficult for them to keep cool at higher temperatures. Blanketing at higher temperatures can cause them to sweat. Evaluate your horse's individual needs and do not because you have a coat on yourself.

If you have any questions feel free to call the office.