

There are no objects near the hay, which will likely attract lightning.

Bales are placed in a bright, sunny location; no trees or other objects are near hay to slow drying after rain.

Bale rows run up and down the slope with north/south orientation; a southern exposure is best.

The storage area is located on a gently sloped, well-drained site.

Hay and soil contact is avoided by placing bales on rock, wooden pallets, etc.



Fire risk is reduced by storing hay in more than one location and by maintaining a no-vegetation zone of at least 3 feet in width around the storage area.

Covers are an option to protect tops and sides of bales from rain.

Bales are dense or tightly baled to help resist water penetration.

At least 3 feet of space is left between rows, so the rounded sides of the bales do not touch.

The flat ends of the bales are butted tightly together as if it was one continuous bale.

