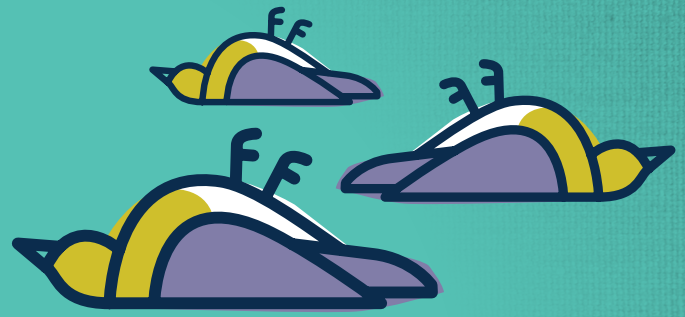




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H5 bird flu



How to safely bury dead birds and other wildlife

In a H5 bird flu outbreak, you may need to bury dead wildlife on your property if you can't dispose of them in a bin.

1

Choose a safe burial location on your own property



- Away from your house, pets, food gardens and water sources.

2

Dig a hole at least 60 cm deep



3

Put on personal protective equipment (PPE)



- Waterproof disposable gloves.
- Mask (surgical or P2/N95 if available).
- Eye protection.
- Long sleeves.

4

Move the animal/s



- Don't touch dead wildlife.
- Use a shovel or tool to carefully move them.

5

Bury immediately



- Place the dead wildlife in the hole and cover fully with soil.
- If possible, place heavy rocks or suitable items on top.
- Don't bury dead wildlife in plastic.

6

Clean up



- Remove PPE (gloves first and mask last), seal disposable items in a bag and place in a general waste bin.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water (for at least 20 seconds), and after each step.
- Clean and disinfect eye protection, shoes, tools and surfaces.
- Wash your clothes on a hot cycle using regular laundry detergent.

Find out more at birdflu.gov.au

Check your local council or state or territory government website for further guidance.

Report sick or dead birds or other wildlife –
Emergency Animal Disease Hotline 1800 675 888.

If you get sick within 10 days, call your health professional and tell them you have had contact with dead wildlife.

