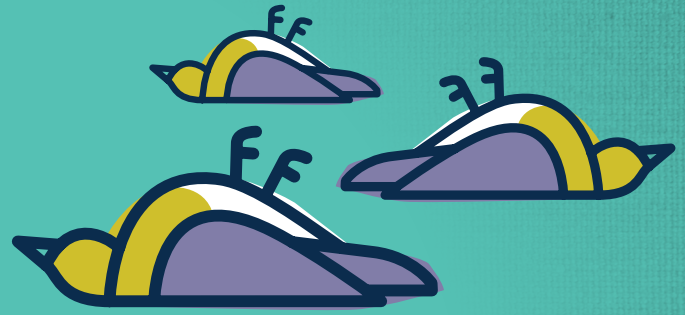




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H5 bird flu



Safe disposal of dead birds and other wildlife on private property

In a H5 bird flu outbreak, you may need to dispose of dead wildlife on your property. There are two recommended ways to do this safely while reducing the risk to yourself and others.

- 1 **Bin disposal:** double bag and put them into your outdoor general waste bin, or
- 2 **Burial:** bury them on your property.

Option 1 Bin disposal



- 1 Carefully put the dead wildlife in a leakproof bag and tie it securely.
- 2 Put the first bag into another bag and tie it securely.
- 3 Place in an outdoor general waste bin (not recycling).

Cleaning 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) after each step.
- Clean and disinfect eye protection, shoes, tools and surfaces.
- Wash your clothes on a hot cycle using regular laundry detergent.



Before you start

- Keep children, other people and pets away.
- Put on personal protective equipment (PPE): gloves, mask, eye protection and long sleeves.
- Don't touch your face until you have finished and washed your hands.



Option 2 Burial



- 1 Choose a safe burial location on your own property.
- 2 Dig a hole at least 60 cm deep.
- 3 Place the dead wildlife in the hole and cover fully with soil.
- 4 If possible, place heavy rocks or suitable items on top.

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.

