

SAFE DISPOSAL OF DEAD BIRDS

Getting rid of dead birds the right way helps stop bird flu from spreading to other birds, animals, pets and people. Follow these steps to stay safe and keep bird flu from spreading in your area.



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WEAR PROTECTIVE GEAR:

- Use disposable waterproof gloves, a mask, and safety goggles or a face shield to minimize exposure.

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AVOID DIRECT CONTACT:

- Use a shovel, tongs, or another tool to pick up the bird — never use bare hands.

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SECURE THE BIRD IN A DOUBLE BAG:

- Place the bird in a plastic bag, then put that bag into a second bag.
- Securely close the outer bag with a zip-tie or knot.

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PROPER DISPOSAL:

- Place the double-bagged bird in a secure trash bin where pets and wildlife cannot reach it.

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CLEAN UP AFTER DISPOSAL:

- Remove gloves first and dispose of them properly.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water or use hand sanitizer if soap is unavailable.
- Remove and properly discard the mask and disinfect safety goggles.
- Wash any dirty clothes in hot water with detergent.
- Disinfect shoes mix of bleach and water (1:10) or a disinfectant spray.

If you notice a sick or dead wild bird, report it to the NJDEP's Hotline at 1-877-WARNDEP (877-927-6337).

Questions? Call Freehold Area Health Department at 732-294-2060

