

Dead Farm Animal Removal Assistance Program

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submit a reimbursement request:*

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Proper disposal of dead farm animals is important not only to herd health, but to human health. Kentucky law regulates the proper disposal methods for dead farm animals.

Disposing of dead animals properly can also help control coyote and other predator problems. Leaving livestock carcasses in pastures or open pits not only encourages predators to associate livestock with food, but also causes predators to congregate near farms.

Water quality concerns can also be addressed by using approved disposal methods. The Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act requires that by October 23, 2001, all landowners with 10 or more acres must have developed and implemented a plan to prevent water pollution from their agriculture or silviculture (forestry) operations. Call us today if you would like assistance in developing or implementing your Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan.

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What to do:

Within 24 hours of an animal death, call a licensed hauler (see haulers in our area).

When contacting a hauler, make sure you **provide the following information:**

- directions to your farm;
- the type of animal to be picked up, approximate time of death, and location of the animal;
- a phone number where you can be reached during the day.

Check with your hauler, but in general, haulers require that the animal be out of the barn and on a hard surface. They will not drive out in the pasture to pick up an animal.

Campbell County Conservation District (CCCD) will be billed for the pickup.

A Cause of Animal Death Statement may be required for removal of **more than three animals** at one time. This is necessary to prevent the spread of disease and protect animal health. If you have more than three animals to be removed at one time, contact your veterinarian before calling your hauler. In cases of obvious non-disease causes of animal death (drowning, lightning strikes, etc.), the veterinarian may be able to furnish a verbal report to speed up the process of removing the carcasses.



Participate in the cost share reimbursement program:

The Campbell County Conservation District offers assistance to farmers on the haul bill for removal and proper disposal of fallen livestock in Campbell County through a grant from the Ky Division of Conservation and local funds from the Campbell County Conservation District. The intent of this program is to promote the proper disposal of fallen animals, not to compensate the owner for the loss of the animal.

If **landowners use a hauler other than** Countryside Industries or Shipley and Son for removal services, landowners can submit the original receipt, dated, with itemized fees and name and signature of hauler within 10 days of service to the Campbell County Conservation District. A licensed hauler must be used for removal services.

Landowners will be reimbursed by their Conservation District, by check, for 100% of the haul bill **up to \$100**. If using Shipley and Son or Countryside Industries you will not receive further assistance.

A licensed hauler must be used unless a landowner **transports an animal to the University of Kentucky Animal Diagnostic Laboratory**. Landowners will be reimbursed for transportation costs only with proof of diagnostic services. Reimbursement will be made to landowners from the Campbell County Conservation District, by check, for 100% of the transportation costs based on mileage, **up to \$100**.

Charges in excess of the haul bill, such as for burial, cremation or diagnostic fees, are not available for cost share through this program. Reimbursement rates as well as hauling fees are subject to change. Prices for disposal are subject to change, which would affect the rate of reimbursement.

The Conservation District and/or haulers reserve the right to terminate the program if at any time local, state, or federal regulations are enacted that would prohibit the hauler from dispensing with the animal in the accustomed manner or would adversely affect the day-to-day operation of the hauler.

Haulers in our area:

Shipley & Son
(24/7 and on holidays)
(513) 734-1818 (local calls)
(513) 309-6658 (cell)

Campbell County Conservation District will be billed for 100% of the haul bill.

Countryside Industries
(M-F 8am-4pm but closed on holidays)
(859) 421-1867 (for pick ups)
(859) 221-6998 (main office only)

Campbell County Conservation District will be billed for 100% of the haul bill.

Acceptable methods to dispose of animal carcasses include incineration, burial, rendering, landfilling, and composting. For regulations governing these methods, or for more information on animal carcass disposal, contact the office of the Ky. State Veterinarian at Phone: (502) 564-3956, or visit <https://www.kyagr.com/statevet/animal-disposal-and-rendering.html>