



Checklist for disposing of dead wildlife



If you decide to dispose of dead wildlife, refer to this checklist to take steps to protect yourself, other people, and animals:

DO:



- ✓ **Consider your physical safety.** For example, is the dead wildlife in a place you can reach easily and can you lift it safely?
- ✓ **Limit access to the area** where the dead wildlife is located, and keep domestic animals, children and other people away.
- ✓ **Wear personal protective equipment (PPE)** – disposable, waterproof gloves, long-sleeved clothing, a well-fitted surgical face mask (or a P2/N95 respirator mask, if available and you are trained in its use) and eye protection.
- ✓ **Wash or sanitise your hands** before and after disposal, and after cleaning.
 - Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry.
 - If you can't wash your hands immediately, use alcohol-based hand sanitiser until you can. Rub your hands together vigorously for at least 20 seconds or until dry.
 - See [healthdirect.gov.au/hand-washing](https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/hand-washing)
- ✓ **Wash clothing and clean and disinfect** any shoes, reusable equipment or other potentially contaminated items.

DO NOT:



- ✗ Do not touch dead wildlife (or anything it may have touched) with your bare skin. Wash or sanitise your skin if contact occurs.
- ✗ Do not touch your face or put any item near your mouth until your PPE is removed and your hands have been thoroughly washed or sanitised.
- ✗ Do not take dead wildlife indoors or store dead wildlife in your fridge or freezer.
- ✗ If burying dead wildlife, after burial, do not re-use or re-open the burial hole.

Find out more at birdflu.gov.au

If you see multiple sick or dead birds or other animals of the same species report it via the **Emergency Animal Disease hotline:**

1800 675 888