

Carcass Disposal

FOR: *Livestock Operations*

A brief Summary of the *Abattoir Waste and Carcass Disposal Guidelines* (Guidelines)

Background:

A joint government/ industry committee, including the Departments of Health (DH), the Department of Environment and Local Government (ELG) and the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (DAAF) developed Guidelines for the disposal of abattoir waste and dead stock from farms. These were approved by government in June of 2014.

Key Points:

- It is the responsibility of the farmer to dispose of dead stock in a manner safe to human health and to the environment.
- The Departments of Health and Environment have stipulated that burial for the mass- disposal of deadstock is not an option. Burial is only allowed for the day-to-day on-farm mortalities. See the “Minor Burial” instructions on pages two and eight of the Guidelines
- The most economical and preferred solution for mass- disposal of deadstock is to compost on-farm. See details for “Minor Composting Facility” on pages two and seven and Appendix D of the Guidelines.
- No bovine dead stock may be transported off the farm without CFIA permits.
- No off-farm composting site can receive bovine dead stock without CFIA permits.
- No regional landfill can receive bovine dead stock without being permitted by CFIA..
- These Guidelines allow farmers to dispose of their day to day mortalities on the farm without any permits required from CFIA, ELG or DH. However, setbacks and other conditions laid out in the Guidelines, must be met.
- Disposal of all dead stock must be made within a few days after the death of the animal to prevent access by wildlife and/ or decomposition to occur, creating offensive odors or potential pollution of ground waters.

Voluntary compliance with the Guidelines is always the best option. If the Guidelines are not followed, and specific issues arise, then regulation and permits may be applied by the appropriate authorities.

For your copy of the *Abattoir Waste and Carcass Disposal Guidelines* go to:

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/10/pdf/Agriculture/AbattoirWasteCarcassDisposalGuidelines.pdf> You can also find this link on DAAF’s website.