

Industrial Solid Waste Fact Sheet

Animal Remains & Carcasses- Category 26

Special Disposal Conditions

Pets: Cremation is the preferred method. **Livestock:** Rendering services or burial are the preferred methods. **Wildlife & Road Kill:** The MN Department of Natural Resources does not allow salvaging of animals without a permit. The Kalmar Landfill accepts furbearers, deer and other wildlife/road kill if other disposal options are not available (see below for explanation). **Wild Game:** Rendering is the preferred disposal method.

Generator Requirements

Deliver the carcass to the appropriate facility, as outlined above, only after obtaining necessary permits (if any), gaining appropriate approvals, and making facility-specific delivery arrangements.

Procedures

Typical Delivery types

Carcasses and large animal parts

Disposal

A. Pets: The preferred method for handling pet remains is to have the animal cremated. Contact a small animal veterinarian for guidance. Within the City of Rochester, the Rochester Animal Control Department (507-328-6960) is responsible for stray animals.

B. Farm Animals/ Livestock: If the animal meat is fresh (i.e., deceased for less than two days and/or without the distinct odor of decay), the owner should first try to contact a local rendering company to accept and/or collect the animal. If rendering is not an option, an animal may be burned or buried according to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency rules (Minnesota Administrative Rules, Chapter 1719). If farm livestock is found in water (in a creek, stream, or lake) or if on-site burial is not an option, the Minnesota Board of Animal Health must be contacted for assistance (651-296-2942).

C. Wildlife & Road Kills: Disposal of wildlife remains is complicated by the existence of federal and state laws that apply to game and non-game wildlife in addition to jurisdictional issues.

- Furbearers (raccoon, fox, opossum, badger, muskrat, beaver, otter, mink, etc.) must be tagged with a possession permit from the Department of Natural Resources (even if found dead). If the person possessing the animal does not wish to obtain a permit, the animal must be buried at the Olmsted County Kalmar Landfill (which operates Monday

through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and may be contacted at 507-285-8515). NO salvaging of the animal will be allowed without a DNR permit.

- Federally protected birds are illegal to possess (even if found dead) and require proper disposal to a licensed facility. This includes raptors like eagles, falcons, hawks, and owls.
- Deer and any other wildlife/road kill are handled differently depending on whether their meat is fresh and salvageable or decayed. (Deer killed by a motor vehicle on a public road must be removed by the road authority).
 - FRESH: If the animal meat is fresh, land disposal of the animal can usually be avoided. Road-killed deer may be collected by any interested person after obtaining a permit, at no charge, from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Olmsted County Law Enforcement Center, or the Minnesota State Patrol office. Any other person responsible for the disposal of any road kill should contact the Olmsted County Oxbow Park (507-775-2451). If this facility is unable to accept the carcass, it may be taken directly to the Kalmar Landfill.
 - DECAYED: If the dead animal is beyond salvaging, is small and found within the City of Rochester, contact the Rochester Animal Control Department (507-328-6960). If it is a large dead animal beyond salvaging, or a small, non-salvageable animal found outside the City of Rochester, the carcass may be taken directly to the Kalmar Landfill.

D. Wild Game: Hunters should dress large wild game animals in the field. Only a small amount of animal parts, including remains from home butchering, may be added to municipal solid waste from any household. Large carcasses or large amounts of body parts should be rendered. If this is impossible, they may be delivered directly to the Kalmar Landfill as described above.

Special Generator Requirements

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