



## Slaughterhouse Wastes at a Landfill

The intent of this fact sheet is to outline recommended disposal methods to landfill operators who accept slaughterhouse remains or by-products at their landfill. Please refer to “The Disposal of Wild Cervid Waste” guideline for disposal related to the Chronic Wasting Disease control program. Please note the disposal of dead animals is a separate issue and handled by the medical health officer under Section 14 of *The Health Hazard Regulations* under *The Public Health Act, 1994*.

Municipalities accepting slaughterhouse remains or by-products at their landfill must first ensure that their landfill is suitable for this waste and that they have the equipment and land available to deal with the waste properly. Contact your EcoRegion Office for any additional requirements and further information on disposal of slaughterhouse remains and by-products at the landfill.

Options for the disposal of slaughterhouse remains or by-products should be considered in the following order of priority. Processing at a rendering plant is the first option. If a rendering plant is not available or cannot accept the waste, incineration in a facility permitted to accept the waste is the second option. The third option is disposal at a landfill. Burial of the waste on the owner’s property is the final option.

The following procedures should be followed when disposing of slaughterhouse remains or by-products at a landfill:

- 1) The operator/owner of the landfill and the generator of the slaughterhouse remains or by-products should enter into an agreement to outline disposal procedures and schedules.
- 2) A pit must be excavated in a dedicated area of the landfill separate from the working face. The area should not be accessible to the public.
- 3) The waste should be placed in the pit and immediately covered after each disposition with sufficient soil to discourage odours, flies and vermin. Lime may be spread on the waste before covering to discourage vermin. When filled, the pit should be compacted and capped.
- 4) Special permission to bury slaughterhouse remains or by-products at the working face may be requested under the landfill operating permit if daily covering takes place. Waste must be accepted by appointment after the landfill is closed to the public. The waste must be immediately covered and compacted at the toe of the working face.

Please contact the EcoRegion contact for your area for more information.



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