



Farmstead Flood Recovery Checklist: Animal Carcasses

- Carcasses must be disposed of as soon as reasonably possible.
- Composting carcasses is an effective management tool that kills pathogens, reduces volume and transforms the animal into a soil amendment.
- Bury a carcass 4 feet above the water table and cover it with 4 feet of fill. Mound the soil to shed water. Avoid sandy or gravelly areas, or areas within 10 feet of bedrock. The site must be a minimum of 200 horizontal feet from surface water.
- Incinerating a carcass must be done in an approved incinerator.
- Haul carcasses or animal parts only in vehicles or containers that are leakproof and covered.
- Learn more with [Animal Carcass Disposal Options](#).

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