

## Managing Dead Livestock During and After Flooding

Livestock operations can be greatly affected by flood waters, flooding pastures and confined livestock areas. This may result in the death of some livestock. To reduce the risk of livestock mortalities during and after a flood, follow the instructions below. These apply to inside and outside flood-protected areas. The instructions are particularly important if you need to evacuate.

- Do not try to remove dead livestock/carcass from flood waters. Wait until the water has gone down and it is safe to do so.
- When possible, secure the carcass in one place to prevent the spread of disease, scavenging and water contamination.
- Contact a local environment officer.
- There are several options to dispose of dead livestock. Each one has specific requirements you must follow:
  - composting
  - on-site burial
  - authorized waste disposal grounds
  - burning
- Owners are responsible for the proper disposal of dead livestock.
- Contact Manitoba Sustainable Development if you:
  - Find dead livestock on your property that doesn't belong to you.
  - Would like to report any dead livestock.
  - Need more information on the proper disposal of dead livestock.

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Additional information is available at the [Manitoba Sustainable Development website](http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/envprograms/livestock/index.html):  
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