

Animal Carcass Waste

Do Riverside County Landfills Accept this Waste?

Yes

No
(See Disposal Locations)

Conditionally
(See Special Conditions)

Case by case
(See Approval Process)



Definition

Small Animal Carcasses

Small animal carcasses consist of small household pets and other animals weighing less than 15 lbs.

Large Animal Carcasses/Large Quantities

Large dead animal carcasses and large quantities of animal carcasses come from residential farms, commercial facilities and veterinary clinics/animal shelters.

Diseased Animal Carcasses

Diseased animal carcasses consist of any animal or carcass that is diseased or previously used for medical purposes.

Special Conditions

Small Animal Carcasses

Individual dead animals weighing less than 15 pounds may be disposed in the general waste stream.

Small dead animals must be in sealed waste containers or bags prior to arriving at the landfill. The sealed container or bag must be of sufficient strength to resist breakage under normal transportation and unloading activities. Small dead animal carcasses that have died as a result of a disease which is transferable to humans require advanced notice and approval.

Large Animal Carcasses/Large Quantities

Residential Farms—Dead animals weighing more than 15 pounds require immediate burial. Persons transporting large animal carcasses to the landfill must inform the Gate Service Assistant that they are disposing of a large dead animal that requires immediate burial. Waste loads containing large dead animals must be covered in a manner so that the animal carcass or load of carcasses is not visible to the general public. The cover on the transport vehicle must remain on until landfill staff directs the driver to remove the cover and unload the animal carcass

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waste. **All customers with loads requiring immediate burial are subject to delays while site personnel arrange burial locations.**

Commercial Facilities— Riverside County Waste Management Department recommends that facilities that generate large quantities of animal carcasses or carcass waste from meat and poultry industries contract with licensed rendering facilities whenever possible.

Veterinary Clinics/Animal Shelters—Veterinary clinics and animal shelters may use Riverside County landfills for immediate burial carcass disposal. All carcasses must be individually sealed in containers or bags so that the carcass waste is not visible when dumped. The sealed container or bag must be of sufficient strength to resist breakage under normal transportation and unloading activities.

Diseased Animal Carcasses

Diseased animal carcasses may be accepted on a case-by-case basis and only with prior approval of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Charges

Small Animal Carcasses

The load will be charged at the Routine Refuse rate.

Large Animal Carcasses/Large Quantities

The load will be charged at the Hard to Handle rate.

Diseased Animal Carcasses

The load will be charged Hard to Handle rate.

For the current fee schedule please visit the County's website at http://www.rivcowm.org/landfill_info/landfill_fees.html.

Approval Process

Contact the Department directly at 951-486-3200.

Internal Operating Procedures

A B C D E F G H Not applicable

Note: Internal Operating Procedure A applies to Small Animal Carcasses.

Internal Operating Procedure C applies to Large Animal Carcasses/Large Quantities.

Internal Operating Procedure E applies to Diseased Animal Carcasses.