

Bird Flu – How to Report and Dispose of Dead Birds

In response to the recent rash of dead birds seen across the State we would like to inform residents of how to report and properly dispose of dead birds.

To report at least 5 or more sick or dead birds, please use the NJDEP State Fish & Wildlife Reporting Form by using the link below:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/749040214c974bb88c89c58483a51ab8>

or by calling 1 (877) 927-6337.

Safe Disposal of Dead Birds:

- 1) Never touch a dead animal with bare hands and keep pets away
- 2) Use disposable waterproof gloves, a mask, and safety goggles or a face shield to minimize exposure
- 3) Pick the animals up with a shovel or similar type tool
- 4) Double bag the animals in heavy duty plastic bags and seal tightly
- 5) Dispose of bags in a secure trash bin where pets and wildlife cannot reach it
- 6) Remove and properly discard the gloves and mask and disinfect goggles*
- 7) Wash your hands with soap and water. Wash any dirty clothes in hot water and detergent

*Disinfect with a mixture of bleach and water(1:10) or use a disinfectant spray.