



Animals, dead

domestic or wild

NOTE: Use caution in handling or transporting a dead animal.

Wear protective clothing including gloves, and place animal into a heavy-duty trash bag.

To report a dead animal on the road:

1. State road - call Dept. of Transportation at 570-5101
2. County road or right of way – call Highway Dept. at 464-8900
3. City road – call the city (see White Pages phone book, “Government Offices – City Section– Public Works Department”).

Domestic animal (dog, cat, horse, cow, etc.):

1. **Transport** a dead dog or cat to your veterinarian or a local animal shelter for cremation (costs vary by place and size):
 - a) Pinellas County Animal Services (582-2600)
 - b) SPCA (586-3591)
 - c) Humane Society (797-7722)
2. **Bury** the animal (at least two feet underground according to [state statute](#)).
3. **Dispose** at [Solid Waste Operations](#) (must be able to bring animal to Solid Waste Operations for disposal):
 - a) \$100 surcharge in addition to standard solid waste disposal fee *
 - b) 2-hour notice required (call 464-7500)
 - c) No special handling papers required if hauling your own animal; other haulers must have a permit.
 - d) If a livestock animal (such as a horse or cow) dies from a suspicious disease, notify the State Department of Agriculture (850-410-0900, or after hours call 1-800-342-5869).

Wild animal (raccoon, opossum, squirrel, etc.):

1. **Call** a removal specialist (see “Animal Removal – Wildlife” in the Yellow Pages) to remove a dead wild animal.
2. **Report** an injured or dead bear, panther, or eagle (endangered species only) to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s 24-hour Wildlife Alert Hotline at 1-888-404-3922.
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Wild birds:

1. **Report** an injured or dead wild bird (land or seabird) to the Clearwater Audubon Society (442-9140) or the St. Petersburg Audubon Society (526-3725).





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Marine life (manatee, dolphin, sea turtle, etc.):

1. **Report** an injured or dead manatee, dolphin, or sea turtle to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) 24-hour Wildlife Alert Hotline at 1-888-404-3922. FWC staff work with local rescue experts including the Clearwater Marine Aquarium.
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*Solid Waste Operations standard solid waste disposal fee - \$37.50/ton or flat rate for qualifying vehicles

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