



Disposal of Dead Birds

Do not touch dead birds with bare hands. Wash your hands after disposal.

1. Ensure you and your clothing do not contact the bird or its blood, secretions or feces.
2. Use heavy-duty leak-proof rubber gloves (as used in house cleaning) OR use several leak-proof plastic bags as a glove.
 - Grasp the bird with your hand protected by several layers of leak-proof plastic bag and then turn the bags inside-out over the bird so it ends up inside the bags, with your hand on the outside.
3. Handle the bird so that beak or claws do not puncture bag or gloves.
4. Ensure the bird is double bagged. If the corvid cannot be collected for West Nile virus testing, dispose of the carcass in accordance with your local municipal waste management regulations. For regional contacts, click [here](#).
5. Always wash your hands after disposal of any dead animal (even though gloves were used).
6. To report a dead bird sighting on-line, please visit <http://www.bccdc.org>
7. Reports of mortality in non-corvid species should be forwarded to the appropriate organization as specified in the document: [The BC interagency Wild Bird Mortality Investigation Protocol and the 2006 Avian Influenza and West Nile Virus Surveys](#).

There is no evidence that people can get West Nile Virus from handling live or dead infected birds. The above precautions should be taken when handling and disposing of any animal carcass.