CARCASS DISPOSAL OPTIONS

1) RENDERING

2) LANDFILLS
   See landfill list enclosed.

3) BURIAL
   The general carcass burial disposal guidelines follow:
   a.) Burial of dead livestock requires the construction of a pit.
   b.) Do not locate the burial pit closer than one foot (1') vertically above the flood plain, or
      within two feet (2') of the water table or bedrock.
   c.) Do not locate the burial pit within three hundred feet (300') of wells, waters of the state,
      neighboring residences, public areas, or property lines.
   d.) After placing the deads in the trench, cover the deads with a minimum of two and a half
      feet (2 ½') of topsoil. Inspect burial sites routinely to ensure that wild animals are not
      digging and dragging deads away.
   e.) Also, refer to the Criminal Code of the Oklahoma Statutes (enclosed).

4) INCINERATION
   Open-air incineration of carcasses is not allowed, unless the animal died of any contagious
   or infectious disease. Self-contained, closed incinerators and air curtain incinerators are
   allowed.

5) COMPOSTING
   Please note that licensed Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and Registered Poultry
   Feeding Operations must receive permission from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
   Food, and Forestry (ODAFF), Agricultural Environmental Management Services (AEMS)
   Division (405/522-4659) prior to composting or burial (only exception is if AWMP allows for
   composting).

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This Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF), Agricultural Environmental Management Services (AEMS) Division’s booklet describes animal and poultry carcass disposal options and requirements. Contents include: Title 2 § 2-18.1 – Oklahoma Criminal Statutes; portions of the Oklahoma Agriculture Codes and Rules; recommendations and guidelines from USDA NRCS pamphlets and codes, other state’s carcass disposal practices and recognized, published scientific documents. Contact your local County Sheriff’s Office with carcass disposal concerns that you feel are violations.

OKLAHOMA STATUTES
TITLE 21 CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS

Section 1222 – Duty to Dispose of Domestic Animals Dying of a Contagious or Infectious Disease
It shall be the duty of the owner of any domestic animal in the State of Oklahoma, which may hereafter die of any contagious or infectious disease, either to burn the carcass thereof or bury the same within twenty-four (24) hours after he has notice or knowledge of such fact so that no part of such carcass shall be nearer than two and one-half (2 1/2) feet of the surface of the soil; provided, That all hogs dying of any disease shall be burned. It shall further be unlawful to bury any such carcass as mentioned in this section in any land along any stream or ravine, where it is liable to become exposed through erosion of the soil, or where such land is any time subject to overflow. "Owner", as used in this section, shall mean and include any person having domestic animals in his possession, either by reason of ownership, rent, hire, loan, or otherwise, and shall be subject to all the pains and penalties of this article.

Section 1223 – Leaving Carcass in Certain Places
It shall be unlawful for any person to leave or deposit, or cause to be deposited or left the carcass of any animals, chicken or other fowl, whether the same shall have died from disease or otherwise, in any well, spring, pond or stream of water; or leave or deposit the same within one-fourth (1/4) mile of any occupied dwelling or of any public highway, without burying the same as provided in the preceding section of this act.

Section 1224 – Penalty
Every person who violates the two preceding sections, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
A. It shall be unlawful and a violation of the Oklahoma Agricultural Code for any person to cause pollution of any air, land or waters of the state by persons which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry pursuant to the Oklahoma Environmental Quality Act.

B. If the State Board of Agriculture finds that any of the air, land, or waters of the state which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry pursuant to the Oklahoma Environmental Quality Act have been or are being polluted, the Board shall make an order requiring that the pollution cease within a time period determined by the Department, or require a manner of treatment or of disposition of the water or other polluting material as may in the judgment of the Board be necessary to prevent further pollution. In addition, the Board may assess an administrative penalty pursuant to Section 2-18 of this title. The person to whom the order is directed shall fully comply with the order of the Board and pay any fine and costs assessed.

C. 1. Manure shall not be defined as or be considered a hazardous substance or hazardous waste as those terms are defined by state law.
   2. For purposes of this subsection, “manure” means any feces, urine, urea, or other excrement from livestock and shall also only include:
      a) associated nonhazardous bedding, compost, raw materials, or other nonhazardous materials commingled with the excrement,
      b) nonhazardous process water associated with the excrement or materials, or
      c) nonhazardous byproducts, constituents, or substances contained in or originating from the excrement, materials, or process water.
   3. This subsection shall not be construed to affect or limit the applicability of any other provision of the Oklahoma Agriculture Code.

NOTE – Interpretation: No animal or poultry carcasses are allow to lay in air, land, or waters of the state and naturally decompose. Carcasses should be properly disposed of by one of the methods listed on the front page of this document.
Oklahoma Criminal Statutes
Title 21 O.S. §1222, 1223, 1224

Oklahoma's criminal statutes require the following:

☐ It shall be unlawful to bury any carcass in any land along any stream or ravine, where it is liable to become exposed through erosion of the soil, or where land is any time subject to overflow.

☐ It shall be unlawful for any person to leave or deposit the carcass of any animal, chicken or other fowl, whether it shall have died from disease or otherwise, in any well, spring, pond or stream of water; or leave or deposit the same within one-fourth (1/4) mile of any occupied dwelling or of any public highway, without burying.

☐ Every person who violates the two preceding sections, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
Disposal of Waste from Meat Processing Operations in Oklahoma

What is waste from meat processing operations?

Waste from meat processing operations is defined as "solid waste." This is waste including, but not limited to, offal, paunch, blood, and bones.

What are the regulations for disposal of solid waste from meat processing operations?

1. It is unlawful to cause pollution to the air, land, or waters of the State. (Title 27A Section 2-6-105)

2. It is unlawful to dispose of solid waste anywhere other than a site or facility that is permitted by the Department of Environmental Quality to accept such waste. (Title 27A Section 2-10-301 (A)(1))

3. While you can legally dispose of household waste on your own land, it is not allowed to dispose of solid waste from commercial meat processing operations on your own land. (Title 27A Section 2-10-301 (B))

What are the legal methods to dispose of solid waste from meat processing operations?

1. Reuse of waste by Rendering and/or Pet Food Companies
2. Disposal of waste in a facility permitted by DEQ to accept such waste.

Who can you contact with questions regarding disposal of solid waste?

- [Contact Information]

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Fact Sheet
## Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

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Some landfills require prior notification before delivery of dead livestock.

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