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## Safe Removal and Burial of Pets and Animals

El Paso County Public Health and the Colorado Departments of Agriculture and Public Health and Environment are working cooperatively to provide guidance to assist with the safe removal and burial of pets, animals and livestock.

### Burial requirements or use of landfills

To protect drinking water:

- Do not place deceased animals in any body of water or seasonal creek or pond.
- All deceased animals must be buried at least 150 feet from a water well.
- In no case should the bottom of the burial pit be closer than five feet to the groundwater table.
- In the event of burial you encounter groundwater, choose another site or option.

Other options for deceased animal removal or burial include:

### Locations

- Deceased animals may be taken to any permitted sanitary landfill that will accept them.
- Dead animals may be composted. This option requires contact with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

### Contact Information for Dead Animal Disposition:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

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Solid Waste Program  
303-692-3437

Charles Johnson  
Solid Waste Program  
303-692-3348

Erin Kress  
Environmental Agriculture Program  
303-692-3523

Colorado Department of Agriculture  
Jim Miller  
303-239-4103

## **LANDFILLS**

### **Waste Connections Landfill**

10000 Squirrel Creek Road  
Fountain, CO  
719-382-9661

### **Waste Management Midway Landfill**

8925 Rancho Colorado Blvd.  
Fountain, CO (I-25 and exit 190 – almost to Pueblo County Line, but still in El Paso County)  
719-382-8383

### **Waste Management Colorado Springs Landfill**

1010 Blaney Road  
Colorado Springs, CO  
719-683-2600