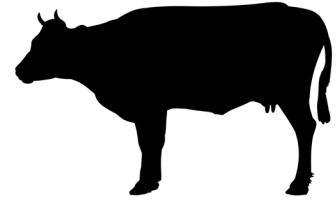


Large Animal Carcass Options in Chisago County



Best option is burying/composting on-site conforming to rules found below.

Leroy Job's Trucking, Sherburne County, will pick up carcasses for \$350 for mass burial in Elk River Landfill, call 612-245-6085.

Midwest Cremation Service, Anoka, will pick up for individual cremation, horses cost \$870 - 2,200 depending on size and return of cremated remains, call 763-753-5510.

Options are more limited than in the past. Carcasses must be disposed of as soon as reasonably possible. Hauling off into the bushes is not legal. Vehicles hauling carcasses must be leak-proof, covered, inspected & permitted unless owner is hauling.

Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) options:

Burial:

- Comments: Hard for large animals, difficult in winter, requires use of large equipment.
- Rules: Must stay 5 ft. above seasonal high-water level, 50 ft from property line, 50 ft from tile drain line, 150 feet from water supply well, cannot bury near lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, ditches; or in sandy, Karst, or flooding areas. Carcasses must be covered with dirt.
- Call Gopher State One Call before you dig at 800-252-1166.

Composting:

- Comments: Carcass is placed in layers of carbon source (hay or woodchips) and allows natural heating process to break it down. Works well. Require a BAH permit.
- Rules: Allowed for swine, sheep, goats, poultry; and by permit for cattle, horses, or exotic animals. Requires impervious pad, rot resistant walls and roof

Rendering:

- Comments: Becoming harder to find due to cost to pick up single animals, changes in regulations on which carcasses can be rendered (no bovines over 30 months) and rendering companies will only pick up in larger agricultural counties.
- Rules: Pick-up site must hold carcass in animal proof enclosure, must be 200 yards from neighbor, and must be picked up within 72 hours.

Incineration:

- Comments: Expensive and harder for large carcasses.
- Rules: Must be in an MPCA approved incinerator, can not dispose of in burn pile.

Other:

- Pet food processing: Requires permit and inspection of carcass and facility.
- Landfilling: Some landfills allow and some do not. The East Central Solid Waste Commission in Mora allows bagged deer carcasses, but NOT large animal carcasses.
- Fur Farm consumption: Requires permit with sanitary conditions.
- Digester: Allowed at the University of Minnesota Vet Diagnostic Lab.

Contact Info: Lisa Thibodeau, Chisago County Solid Waste Administrator by calling 651-213-8923.

Websites:

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