



AnimalHealthCanada

Keeping Your Birds Healthy



REPORTING DEAD WILD BIRDS

1. If you find a dead wild bird in a spot that domestic birds can access, report it to:

- Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at cwhc-rcsf.ca

Reporting Hotlines		
Province	Organization	Contact
British Columbia	BC Wild Bird Mortality Line	1-866-431-2473
Alberta	Alberta Environment and Parks	310-0000
Saskatchewan	Ministry of Environment	1-800-567-4224
Manitoba	TIP/Forest Fire Situation	1-800-782-0076
Ontario	Regional Centre of the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative	1-866-673-4781
Quebec	The Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs	1-877-346-6763
New Brunswick	Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development	1-833-301-0334
Nova Scotia	Department of Natural Resources and Renewables	1-800-565-2224
Prince Edward Island	Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division	902-368-4683
Newfoundland and Labrador	Wildlife Emergency Number	709 - 685-7273
Nunavut	Department of the Environment	Local Conservation Officer
Northwest Territories	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	1-867-767-9055 or find regional wildlife emergency number
Yukon	Turn in Poachers and Polluters (TIPP)	1-800-661-0525 or use online form

REMEMBER: Even if domestic birds are unlikely to come into contact with the dead wild bird, it is recommended that you report it while keeping your distance. In any case, ensure you follow the relevant municipal, provincial, or territorial regulations for reporting, removal or dead wild bird, and disinfection.

2. Decontaminate the Surface/Ground where the dead wild bird was found:

- Remove soil and grass beneath the dead bird to a depth of two inches. Then, cover the area with two inches of clean soil, sand, or grass to reduce potential exposure.
- Apply any of the following:
 - 1 part bleach with 10 parts water.
 - 10 grams of Virkon™ powder with 1 liter of water or as per manufacturer's instructions.
 - 50g of slaked lime per square meter, dampened with water, or 50g of slaked lime mixed in 1 liter of water, and applied to 1 square meter of ground.
- If a dead bird is found near a river, stream, or any location where the use of disinfectant may pose environmental risks, consult your municipal, provincial, or territorial environmental regulatory authority to confirm whether applying disinfectant to the ground is permitted.

Avoid Recontamination

- Keep pets, children, and other animals away from the treated area until it is dry.

3. Disinfect Shoes and Clothing

- After coming in contact with a contaminated area, wash clothing immediately, preferably in hot water and use Virkon, a bleach solution, or an approved disinfectant like Lysol to clean footwear thoroughly.