

RHDV Carcass Disposal Guidance

Carcass Handling

If you experience a mortality event in your colony or if you find a dead wild rabbit:

- Wear gloves when handling deceased rabbits.
- Double bag carcass and spray the outside of the bag with disinfectant.
- Contact your State Veterinarian if domestic rabbit or your State Department of Fish and Wildlife if a wild rabbit to determine if testing should be done.
- If testing required, refrigerate bagged carcass or pack in ice.
- Wash your hands after handling.
- Follow shipping or collection guidance from your state veterinarian.
- Do not freeze carcass for human or animal consumption.

Disposal Options

If testing is not required, the carcass should be disposed of in compliance with your county regulations and local Department of Health. Disposal options include:

- Incineration
- Double bag and burial at least 3 feet deep.
- Double bag and landfill

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