

## Dead Farm Animal Removal Assistance Program for Local Farmers

Kenton County farmers are now eligible to receive up to 75% reimbursement of the cost of dead animal removal from the farm, through a grant from the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share program. The program is limited to private landowners.

Proper disposal of dead farm animals is important not only to herd health, but to human health. Kentucky law regulates the proper disposal methods for dead farm animals.

Disposing of dead animals properly can also help control coyote and other predator problems. Leaving livestock carcasses in pastures or open pits not only encourages predators to associate livestock with food, but also causes predators to congregate near farms.

Water quality concerns can also be addressed by using approved disposal methods. The Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act requires that by October 23, 2001, all landowners with 10 or more acres must have developed and implemented a plan to prevent water pollution from their agriculture or silviculture (forestry) operations.

Call us today if you would like assistance in developing or implementing your Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Plan.

For more information, or to  
submit a reimbursement request,  
contact:

### Kenton County Conservation District

Kenton County Independence Courthouse  
Second Floor, 5272 Madison Pike  
P. O. Box 647, Independence, KY 41051  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
(Phone) 859-356-1019

E-mail: [kenton@nkcd.org](mailto:kenton@nkcd.org)

[http://www.kentoncounty.org/agencies/  
conservation\\_district/index.php](http://www.kentoncounty.org/agencies/conservation_district/index.php)

Kenton County Conservation District, Kentucky

All programs and services of the Kenton County Conservation District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, political beliefs and marital or familial status.



## What to do:

**Within 24 hours** of an animal death, call a licensed hauler.

When contacting a hauler, make sure you **provide the following information:**

- directions to your farm;
- method of payment;
- the type of animal to be picked up, approximate time of death, and location of the animal;
- a phone number where you can be reached during the day.

Check with your hauler, but in general, haulers require that the animal be out of the barn and on a hard surface. They will not drive out in the pasture to pick up an animal.

Pay the hauler by check or cash for removal service at time of pick up.

Effective July 1, 2010, removal fees start at \$75.

A Cause of Animal Death Statement may be required for removal of **more than three animals** at one time. This is necessary to prevent the spread of disease and protect animal health. If you have more than three animals to be removed at one time, contact your veterinarian before calling your hauler. In cases of obvious non-disease causes of animal death (drowning, lightning strikes, etc.), the veterinarian may be able to furnish a verbal report to speed up the process of removing the carcasses.

## How to participate:

The Kenton County Conservation Districts will offer cost share assistance to farmers for the haul bill for removal and proper disposal of fallen livestock from farms in Kenton County. The intent of this program is to promote the proper disposal of fallen animals, not to compensate the owner for the loss of the animal. The program is limited to private landowners.

If landowners use a hauler other than Harmon's Dead Animal Pick-Up for removal services, landowners can submit the original receipt, dated, with itemized fees and name and signature of hauler within 10 days of service to the Kenton County Conservation District. A licensed hauler must be used for removal services. Landowners will be reimbursed by the Kenton County Conservation District, by check, for 75% of the haul bill **up to \$100**.

A licensed hauler must be used unless a landowner transports an animal to the University of Kentucky Animal Diagnostic Laboratory. Landowners will be reimbursed for transportation costs only with proof of diagnostic services. Reimbursement will be made to landowners by the Kenton County Conservation District, by check, for 75% of the transportation costs based on mileage, **up to \$100**.

Charges in excess of the haul bill, such as for burial, cremation or diagnostic fees, are not available for cost share assistance through this program. Reimbursement rates as well as hauling fees are subject to change. Prices for disposal are subject to change, which would affect the rate of reimbursement.

The Conservation District and/or haulers reserve the right to terminate the program if at any time local, state, or federal regulations are enacted that would prohibit the hauler from dispensing with the animal in the accustomed manner or would adversely affect the day-to-day operation of the hauler. The program will continue until all funds from the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share program are expended.

## Haulers in our area:

### Harmon's Dead Animal Pick-Up

**Phone: 859-567-2111** (local call)

Harmon's Dead Animal Pick-Up will collect 25% of the removal fee from the owner at the time of pick-up. Harmon's Dead Animal Pick-Up has contracted with the Kenton County Conservation District for the balance of the fee and is offering this arrangement as a service to the landowner. If using Harmon's Dead Animal Pick-Up, you will not receive further cost share assistance.

### Shiple & Sons

**Phone: 513-734-1818** (local call)

The owner will pay the hauler directly. The owner may then request cost share assistance from the Kenton County Conservation District.

### Conboy Enterprises

**Phone: 859-221-6998** (long-distance call)

The owner will pay the hauler directly. The owner may then request cost share assistance from the Kenton County Conservation District.

Acceptable methods to dispose of animal carcasses include incineration, burial, rendering, landfilling, and composting. For regulations governing these methods, or for more information on animal carcass disposal, contact the office of the Ky. State Veterinarian at Phone: 502-564-3956 or <http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/animal-disposal-and-rendering.html>