

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES
ANIMAL INDUSTRY
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 80-3-6
LIVESTOCK SANITARY RULES

80-3-6-.26 Disposal Of Diseased Carcasses.

(1) Carcasses or parts of carcasses of all animals that die from disease shall be burned or buried, and when buried, covered with not less than four (4) feet of dirt or rendered or cooked in a pressure rendering tank where the temperature may be held not lower than 220 degrees Fahrenheit for not less than four (4) hours.

(2) All condemned carcasses or parts of carcasses condemned shall be handled as specified in paragraph (1) above.

(3) In no case shall dead animals be permitted to remain in barn, lot, yard, or anywhere in the city or upon the farm, longer than twenty-four (24) hours after the death of the animal or animals before disposing of said carcasses or parts of carcasses as specified in paragraphs (1).

(4) Owners or managers of private or public slaughter houses shall dispose of all condemned carcasses or parts of carcasses, waste materials, and offal within twenty-four (24) hours of the time the animal dies or is slaughtered; or from the time when the offal or waste is removed from the slaughtered animal carcass.

(5) No dead animals or solid waste or offal shall be thrown, flushed or placed in any way into running brooks, creeks, streams, ponds, lakes, or pools of any kind.

(6) Every veterinarian inspecting slaughter animals in any slaughter house or packing house in Alabama shall report to the State Veterinarian all cases of tuberculosis, anthrax, or any other infectious or contagious disease that he may find and give a full history of the cases and also the kind of animal, sex, lesions, and the method of disposal of all such infected carcasses.

(7) All rendering plants that haul dead animals shall use steel-bodied trucks or trucks with bodies of other impervious material. Facilities at the plant must be provided for thoroughly washing and disinfecting all trucks and vehicles. All trucks and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each trip to haul dead animals before being permitted to make trips to farms or other premises.

(8) Rendering plants shall have a separate room, with concrete floor, for skinning and cutting up dead animals. Grease and tankage shall not be stored in the same room where animals are skinned and cut up for rendering.

(9) In addition to the disposal methods described above, the State Veterinarian may publish and maintain a list of generally approved disposal methods. The State Veterinarian may provide approval for a specific disposal method that is not on the list of generally approved methods by providing written permission to the individual requesting approval if the State Veterinarian is satisfied that the proposed disposal method is effective and safe.

(10) Disposal of poultry grown for commercial purposes is governed by Chapter 80-3-20 of the Alabama Administrative Code.

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