



Land-filling Large Animal Mortalities in Tennessee

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Land-filling can be an inexpensive (\approx \$35/ton) and sometimes convenient disposal option for large animal mortalities, particularly if on-farm burial is not feasible. However, an accommodating landfill must be nearby. Most beef and dairy producers and horse owners don't know which landfills accept dead livestock. This publication provides a map (Figure 1) and phone numbers (Table 1) for Tennessee's Class I landfills that are allowed to accept dead animals. University of Tennessee Extension faculty contacted these landfills in fall 2010; the symbols in Figure 1 indicate which landfills will likely accept deadstock (many refuse to accept large animal carcasses, probably because of placement and covering regulations or odor concerns). The shaded counties in Figure 1 currently participate in a pickup and landfill

disposal service with Appertain Corporation (931-363-8284). Otherwise, the landfills generally don't provide on-farm pickup, so you'll probably have to make arrangements to transport the carcass to the landfill. Call ahead to verify acceptance and follow these simple guidelines:

1. Transport the dead animal to the landfill as soon as possible, preferably within 48 hours.
2. Make sure the animal is completely and securely covered with a tarp during transport.
3. Schedule the carcass delivery early in the morning for discreet offloading.
4. Have a disposable but sturdy rope tied to the carcass for quick offloading.

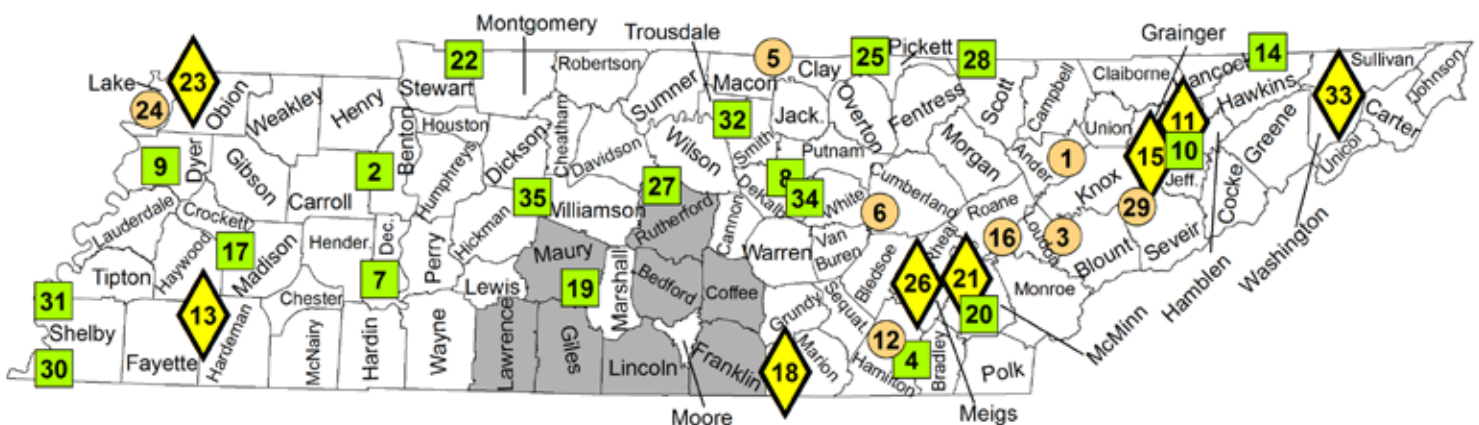


Figure 1. Tennessee's Class I landfills.

Squares, diamonds and circles denote landfills that will readily accept deadstock, those with restrictions (for example, only accepting from in-county farms) and those unlikely to accept deadstock, respectively. The shaded counties participate in a pickup and landfill disposal service with Appertain Corporation. For more detailed information on mortality disposal options, go to: <http://wastemgmt.ag.utk.edu/>.

Table 1. Contact information for Tennessee's Class 1 landfills

No.	County	Name	Phone Number
1	Anderson	Chestnut Ridge Landfill And Recycling Center	865-457-7810
2	Benton	West Camden Sanitary Landfill	731-584-7734
3	Blount	Alcoa /Maryville/ Blount Co. Class I Landfill	865-995-2892
4	Bradley	Bradley County Class I Landfill	423-476-8118
5	Clay	Upper Cumberland Landfill	931-258-3954
6	Cumberland	Cumberland County Landfill	931-788-6127
7	Decatur	Decatur Landfill	731-549-3567
8	DeKalb	Dekalb County Landfill	931-761-5588
9	Dyer	Dyersburg City Landfill	731-286-0450
10	Hamblen	Morristown Balefill Landfill	423-585-4805
11	Hamblen	Lakeway Sanitation And Recycling, Inc. Landfill	423-581-5655
12	Hamilton	City Of Chattanooga Landfill	423-344-9737
13	Hardeman	Bolivar-Hardeman County Landfill	731-658-6138
14	Hawkins	Carter Valley Landfill	423-357-6777
15	Jefferson	Jefferson County Landfill	865-397-3544
16	Loudon	Loudon County Landfill	865-458-2651
17	Madison	Madison County Development, LLC	901-872-7258
18	Marion	Marion County Landfill	423-942-8011
19	Marshall	Cedar Ridge Landfill, Inc.	931-270-0950
20	McMinn	Mcminn County Landfill	423-745-3244
21	McMinn	Meadow Branch Landfill Inc	423-745-6396
22	Montgomery	Bi-County Snl Balefill	931-648-5751
23	Obion	Northwest Tennessee Disposal Company	731-885-1941
24	Obion	Alan's Industrial Services Inc	731-264-5316
25	Pickett	Pickett County Landfill	931-864-3158
26	Rhea	Rhea County Class I Landfill	423-570-8920
27	Rutherford	BFI Middle Point Landfill	615-896-2075
28	Scott	Volunteer Regional Landfill	423-569-5702
29	Sevier	Sevier Solid Waste Inc.	865-453-5676
30	Shelby	BFI South Shelby Landfill	901-794-8071
31	Shelby	BFI North Shelby Landfill	901-794-3800
32	Smith	Smith County Landfill	615-735-1941
33	Washington	Iris Glen Environmental Center	423-926-8375
34	White	White County Landfill	931-761-7441
35	Williamson	Williamson County Landfill	615-790-0742

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