

§ 19-9-34. Disposal of carcass of diseased animal.

Whenever it shall be necessary to destroy or dispose of the carcass of any animal to prevent the spread of disease, such destruction or disposal shall be made by one of the following methods: (a) Complete cremation of the entire carcass with all its parts and products; (b) boiling the carcass and all its parts and products in water, or heating the same with steam at the temperature of boiling water, continuously during at least two hours; (c) burial of the carcass and all its parts and products in a place that shall not be subjected to overflow from ponds or streams, and which shall be distant not less than one hundred feet from any watercourse, well, or spring, public highway, house or stable. In burying such carcass it shall be covered with quicklime to a depth of not less than three inches, and the top of such carcass shall not be within two feet of the surface of the ground when the grave is filled and smoothed to the level of the surrounding surface. Such grave shall be so protected that the carcass may not be accessible to dogs or other animals. Whenever any animal infected with any communicable disease shall die or be killed, it shall be the duty of the owner of such animal at once to destroy or dispose of the carcass of such animal in the manner provided in this section. It shall be unlawful to sell any such carcass or any part thereof or any hide or offal therefrom. If the owner of such animal shall not within twenty-four hours dispose of the carcass as provided by law, it shall be the duty of the commissioner, or his agent, to cause the same to be destroyed or disposed of according to law, at the cost of such owner. The expense of such destruction or disposal may be collected from such owner as debts of like amount are by law collectible. (1915, c. 13, § 15., Code 1928, c. 15D. § 20.)

§ 19-9-34a. Authority of commissioner to promulgate rules regulating disposal of dead poultry.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the commissioner of agriculture is authorized to promulgate rules to regulate the disposal of dead poultry or other domestic fowl by persons, firms or corporations engaged in growing poultry or other domestic fowl for commercial purposes. Said rules shall encompass disposal methodologies of composting, incineration and rendering and shall include emergency situations of flock depopulation, abnormal death losses or serious disease outbreak, all in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a [§ 29A-1-1 et seq.] of this code. (1991, c. 5.)