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Prohibitions against Burning Animal Parts or Waste

Nothing in California State law or within the Placer County Air Pollution Control District's (District) rules allow for the burning of dead animal carcasses or parts for disposal purposes. District rules outline the restrictions for outdoor burning and define dead animals or animal parts as "disallowable combustibles" (materials that cannot be burned legally). Combustibles that you are not allowed to burn include the following: "carcass of a dead animal; manure; human or animal parts or wastes, including blood and fecal contaminated material."

In addition, pursuant to <u>Placer County Code</u> (8.16.010), deceased animals are defined as "solid waste" and therefore disposal of them and their parts fall under the regulations for solid waste disposal. For more information on these regulations and for disposing of deceased animals as solid waste, please contact <u>Placer County Environmental Health</u> directly or by calling (530) 745-2300.

To properly dispose of a dead animal(s) contact your local rendering facility or <u>Placer County Environmental Health</u>. A person may also contact <u>Placer County Animal Control</u> or their local veterinary office for more information and help in legally disposing of dead animals.

Accordingly, animal bodies and parts, as well as manure and fecal contaminated materials, cannot be disposed of by burning, unless it is authorized by a Public Officer for disease or pest prevention reasons, as per <u>District Rule 301 – Non Agricultural Burning</u>.