

# Veterinarian Considerations for Swine Depopulation and Disposal



## The owner of the pigs is considering depopulation. Now what? Use this step-by-step guide with links to find the resources you will need.

- ☑ Contact the state officials to determine potential sources of funding and depopulation options
  - a. [State animal health official](#)
  - b. [State pork executive](#)
  - c. [Natural Resource Conservation Service \(NRCS\)](#)
- ☑ Determine the method and location of depopulation - [Options](#)
- ☑ Determine the method and location of disposal – ensure compliance with all local, state and federal regulations
  - a. [Carcass management dashboard](#)
  - b. [Mortality disposal resources for swine producers](#)
- ☑ Acquire the resources necessary to carry out depopulation and disposal
  - a. Live animal transport to depopulation site
  - b. Carcass removal to disposal site
  - c. Equipment necessary for the depopulation and disposal methods selected including appropriate personal protective equipment
    - i. [Carbon dioxide providers](#)
    - ii. [Grinder manufacturers](#)
    - iii. [Other resources](#)
  - d. Trained personnel to conduct depopulation and disposal
- ☑ Keep detailed records
  - a. Document why depopulation was necessary and a rationale for the selected method
  - b. If a funding source has been identified, make sure all necessary paperwork is completed prior to starting depopulation
  - c. If no funding source has been identified, at a minimum complete the [Depopulation and Disposal Form](#) and attach an itemized list of associated costs.
- ☑ Take care of yourself and others - [Wellness resources](#)

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