

Burying A Pet At Home

Please check with your municipality to ensure the burial of pets is legal. In the City of Winnipeg, it is allowed, however everyone should consider the following:

If you are renting a house, check with your landlord/rental agency if home burial is allowed on the property.

1. When digging a hole, ensure that the top of the body is covered with at least three (3) feet of earth. If this depth is not attainable, it is important to cover the hole with a large rock or wire to prevent digging by wildlife. Note that:
 - Euthanized pet remains contain many medications, are poisonous, and could possibly be fatal other animals who would ingest it including scavenging animals and birds. These medications can remain for **years** in the same location.
 - Pets that have died of a contagious disease should always be cremated.
 - A deceased animal may leak body fluids after passing.
 - Deceased animals should not be buried in sandy soils, black land, rocky soil, flood land or around a home's foundation.
 - Animal graves must not be located within **200 feet (60m)** of any lake, stream, rivers, open drains, or groundwater and **500 feet (155m)** from a well that is used to supply potable drinking water.
2. Place a layer of lime at the bottom of the hole and on the body.
3. Compress the earth and level the soil.
4. Take a moment to yourself.
5. Finally, if you ever sell your property, it is important to notify the future buyers of the presence of any animals that may be buried on the land euthanized via a veterinarian. You may be liable if their pet comes in contact with the location of a buried pet that could contain the medications used to euthanize a pet.



*Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...
our thoughts are with you and your family during this
difficult time.*