



Village of Pleasantville
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Handling Animal Carcasses and Decontamination of Equipment

Fall is key time many of our PERMA public works department's members will be getting calls for pickup of dead animals on the road. With the hunting season and deer starting to move due to hunter pressure, dead animal pickup might become a daily routine.

Highway safety requires that dead animals be removed from the roadways and adjacent areas. New York State is home of an estimated one million deer. In past years NYS DOT recorded almost 25,000 deer mortalities.

The link <http://bit.ly/Carcasses17> gives detailed information from the NYSDOT on handling carcasses but it does not include decontamination of equipment. At PERMA we are concerned for everyone's safety, thus the process for cleanup.

PROCEDURE FOR DECONTAMINATION AFTER ANIMAL PICKUP

1. Use latex or latex free gloves depending on your allergic reactions to pick up any dead deer, raccoons or other animals.
2. Place the animal in the truck using caution not to spread the carcass over a large area.
3. Take animal to disposal location and return to highway garage for decontamination.
4. For decontamination use a 10 percent solution of Clorox and water to be sprayed on the location where the animal was placed.
5. If an animal did not bleed or leave any residual fluids that are visible just spray with the solution on the affected area of the truck box. No wash down needed.
6. If there was blood or other fluids, spray the solution on the affected area, hose down and flush the truck area to drain. Then respray the box area with the solution again.
7. If you happen to have another live animal for some reason in the truck it must not touch the area in the box due to cross contamination.
8. Dispose of latex gloves in proper containers once complete.

Added precautions:

9. If you have an open wound another person might be considered for the task.
10. When working with the carcass do not touch your face, mouth or other body parts.