

**Notice: Important information from Woodbridge Regional Animal Control, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the CT Audubon Society, and the CDC**

- Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) remains present throughout the Eastern United States, including in Connecticut.
- Please take note of any sick or dead birds in yards or in neighborhoods
- Use caution and follow suggested protocol for potential testing and disposal
- According to the CDC, pets, such as dogs and cats, can be infected when exposed to sick birds. Avoid allowing pets to eat sick or dead birds.
- People who have had direct contact with infected or potentially infected animals, including sick animals that might have eaten bird flu-infected birds, should monitor their health for fever and symptoms of infection.

For more information at the DEEP website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/avian-influenza>

[Reporting Dead Wild Birds](#)

[Handling and Disposing of Dead Wild Birds](#)

[Information for Backyard Poultry Flocks](#)

According to the Connecticut Audubon Society:

There is currently no recommendation to take down bird feeders unless you also keep back yard poultry. It is important to regularly clean feeders and birdbaths to reduce the spread of pathogens.

<https://www.ctaudubon.org/2025/02/avian-influenza-in-connecticut-what-we-know-what-you-should-do/>

If you see several dead birds (>5) in one location or notice that several birds die in the same area over the course of several days, we encourage you to report it. If you observe this type of die-off, in addition to filling out [this form](#), please call the DEEP Wildlife Division at [860-424-3011](tel:860-424-3011).

Individual wild backyard birds that are found dead can be reported through [the form](#) and should be disposed of properly (bury or double bag and place in your garbage receptacle).

Sick or dead domestic birds – mainly poultry - should be reported to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian at [860-713-2505](tel:860-713-2505).