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CROW WING COUNTY LANDFILL TO BE OPEN SELECT SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FOR DEER CARCASS DISPOSAL ONLY

Crow Wing County Landfill will be open the following Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 2pm to coincide with Deer Firearm Season for disposal of **deer carcasses only**.

- Saturday November 6th and Sunday, November 7th
- Saturday, November 13th and Sunday, November 14th
- Saturday, November 20th and Sunday, November 21st

Crow Wing County is encouraging its residents to bring their deer carcasses to the Landfill for disposal free of charge. “The more carcasses that are brought into the Landfill and disposed of in a responsible manner, the less likely that CWD is further spread across the landscape”, stated Ryan Simonson, Environmental Services Supervisor. “Deer carcasses may be incinerated or placed in strategic locations within the Landfill to minimize disposal risk, so it is very important that carcasses are brought in separately from other garbage.”

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a neurological disease affecting the cervid family – deer, elk, moose, reindeer, and caribou. It causes characteristic spongy degeneration in the brain of an infected animal, which culminates in their death. It is spread when a cervid comes into contact with prions (defective proteins) from an infected animal. Prions from an infected animal are spread on the landscape through deposits of saliva or other bodily fluids; and, they are known to survive in the soils for multiple years waiting to infect another cervid.

Crow Wing County has participated in numerous meetings with the MN Department of Natural Resources, the MN Pollution Control Agency, the MN Board of Animal Health, Conservation Officers, and several local businesses in an effort to better understand the disease and be more proactive to contain the spread. In addition, the County is committed to ensuring residents get the best information that research currently offers on this disease.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1010 or for more information on Chronic Wasting Disease, please visit the Crow Wing County Web site at <http://crowwing.us/1566/Chronic-Wasting-Disease>

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Our Mission: Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.