



COUNTY OF
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NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Dead Bird Surveillance Begins Today

Sarnia, ON – Beginning today, Wednesday, May 19, the County of Lambton Community Health Services Department will begin its 2010 West Nile virus dead bird surveillance.

In an effort to track the West Nile virus in Lambton County, the public is encouraged to report the sighting of **ALL** dead birds to Community Health Services by calling 519 383-3824, toll free 1-800-667-1839 ext. 3824 or online at www.lambtonhealth.on.ca.

In certain circumstances, adult crows and blue jays, dead for less than 24 hours, may be considered for physical testing. However, Community Health Services cannot collect every bird. If the bird will not be tested, you will be asked to dispose of it.

The following guidelines are recommended for proper disposal:

- Do not handle dead birds with bare hands.
- Use gloves to put the dead bird in a double, plastic bag. If gloves are not available, turn a plastic bag inside-out and scoop the bird with the bag.
- If the dead bird has been reported and will not be tested, place the bagged carcass in an outdoor garbage can for disposal.
- If the dead crow or blue jay will be tested, you will be instructed to save the bird and staff from Community Health Services will pick it up.

If you require further information call the West Nile virus information line at 519 383-3824, toll free 1-800-667-1839 ext. 3824 or visit www.lambtonhealth.on.ca.

For more information about Lambton County, visit www.lambtononline.ca

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