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## **REPORTING DEAD BIRDS**

Pending state funding, the Logan County Department of Public Health, with help from the public, conducts an annual collection and testing program of birds for the Illinois Department of Public Health. The program typically starts in May or June and ends around mid October.

The information from these tests is used by health departments to assist in local West Nile Virus surveillance and by the Illinois Department of Public Health for their database and for use in tracking statewide activity.

If you see a bird that <u>has been dead less than 24 hours</u> and <u>appears to have died of natural causes</u>, please contact the Logan County Department of Public Health at 217-735-2317 to see if it qualifies for testing. The department appreciates your cooperation and efforts in helping to track West Nile Virus activity.