

## Where is the Pickens County Environmental Health Office?

The local Environmental Health Office is located in the Pickens County Administration Building:

<b>Address</b>	<b>222 McDaniel Avenue Pickens, SC 29671</b>
<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>(864) 898-5836</b>

The Environmental Health staff welcomes your questions and comments. Please note that the office is accepting only three bird species at this time, as outlined below.

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## What do I do if I find a dead bird in Pickens County?

The public may submit the following bird species to the local Environmental Health office:

- **Dead crows** (American crows and Fish crows). An American crow is 17 to 21 inches long and all black. A grackle, which is not being tested, is similar looking to a crow, but is only 11 to 13 inches long, has a head with a green or purple iridescent sheen, and the rest of the body is black or brown.
- **Dead blue jays**
- **Dead northern cardinals**

Submit **only freshly dead wild birds** that show no visible evidence of physical trauma. No decaying birds (missing eyes, discernible odor); no road kills; no gunshot wounds; no bludgeoned birds. Birds may be submitted from April 14 to November 15.

Birds can be submitted without limit from a county regardless if positives already have been found; however, birds can not be submitted if found within a 5-mile radius of another positive bird in that county for a 15-day period of time. *Environmental Health staff in each will determine whether a submitted bird is suitable for testing.*

You will be asked to fill out a dead bird submission sheet at the local environmental health office. **Of special importance is the location of the dead bird site.** Citizens submitting dead birds may save time by filling out as much of the form as possible before going to the environmental health office. The form can be accessed at [www.scdhec.net/news/westnile/html/what\\_to\\_do.htm](http://www.scdhec.net/news/westnile/html/what_to_do.htm).

Dead birds should not be handled with bare hands. Birds should be picked up with doubled bags that have been turned inside out. The doubled bag then should be inverted, sealed, and placed on ice or kept cool until the bird can be taken to the health department. **We encourage the use of clear plastic or Ziploc®-type bags so that the bird can be seen through the bags.**