

BACKYARD BIRDS AND AVIAN INFLUENZA



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MINIMIZE THE RISK

In Alberta, regulations do not require you to keep your birds indoors (but that might be the easiest way to keep them safe from influenza).

In any case, prevent contact with wild waterfowl and places that wild waterfowl have been. Here is how you do it:

- Keep your birds out of dugouts and other surface water*
- Keep your birds inside or at least penned
- If your birds are outside, feed them inside so that wild waterfowl are not attracted. If you cannot feed

them inside, take measures—such as netting or wire fencing—to prevent wild birds from accessing your feeders

- Treat water that wild waterfowl have had access to
- Remember that viruses can be transmitted by you and your equipment.

If your birds become ill or die for an unknown reason call your vet! Your veterinarian is part of a comprehensive animal health surveillance network that detects and responds to significant animal disease occurrences. This system depends on you to work with your veterinarian.

For more information on how to keep your birds safe from the incidental spread of disease, please visit Ropin' the Web at www.agric.gov.ab.ca/biosecurity. Or call the **Ag Info Centre**: Toll-free in Alberta: 310 FARM (310-3276) or 1-866-882-7677 Out of province 1-403-742-7901

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