Easy Steps for Composting Dead Livestock

**Step 1**  
Place 2 feet of base material in pile or long row, depending on number of carcasses to be composted.

**Step 2**  
Lay carcass on top of base. Have at least 1 foot of base material between perimeter of carcass and edge of base.

**Step 3**  
If composting cattle, puncture the rumen to prevent it from exploding.

**Step 4**  
Cover carcass with 8 to 10 inches of bulking material.

**Step 5**  
Cover the entire pile or long row with 2 feet of cover material.

### Composting Material
- **Base material:** straw, old hay, coarse crop residues (corn stalks)
- **Bulking material:** manure or spoiled silage
- **Cover material:** straw, old hay, sawdust

### Things To Remember
- Make sure pile always has sufficient cover material.
- Turn pile every six months from early spring to late fall.
- To accelerate composting, turn pile every two months from early spring to late fall.
- Do not disturb pile or long row during winter months.
- Existing compost can be used to cover new piles or long row sections.

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