



Emptying the Freezer

Items needed for emptying the freezers are

- Gloves
- Wagon
- Helper

We have several large freezers that are used for the remains of animals we have had to euthanize. They are located by the back of the building in the dog yard. The one to the left as you exit the building is for dogs and the one to the right is for cats. There is a company that pays us to collect our adult cat cadavers which are used for research. Our dumpster is emptied on Friday's and we empty our dog freezer into the dumpster on Thursday late afternoon.

Late Thursday afternoon, gather the cart, your helper, and gloves

- Take the items to the front of the freezer
- Load the cadavers that are in the black bags into the wagon
 - o Try to be discrete when there are visitors present
 - o Black bags sometimes have a label or tag on them. These do not go into the dumpster as they are ones that the family is coming to pick up.
- Take the wagon through the rolling gate and to the dumpster
- Put the cadavers in the dumpster

If the freezer is empty, leave it open and unplugged until the next day. It is important to keep the freezer defrosted as the ice buildup reduces the efficiency of the freezer and sometimes gets so heavy that the lid won't shut properly.

If the freezer was not totally empty for some reason on that day, the freezer will be defrosted the next time it is empty.