

## **West Nile Bird Testing**

The Health Department is collecting only **dead** crows/blue jays. We are not collecting road kill or birds which are decayed, damaged or have maggots. **Birds must be in a fresh condition.**

**During the day, Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm**, residents may call the Health Department at **973-326-7390** for pickup.

**From Sunday through Thursday night** residents should be instructed to double bag the bird (while wearing gloves) and place it at the end of their driveway where it can be collected the next morning by Health Department personnel. Residents must leave a message with the Health Department that a sample is ready for collection (include location). Please provide the name, address and phone number of the caller. This notification can be made using the Health Department main line voice mail (**973-326-7390**).

**From Friday night through Saturday night** the resident should be instructed to double bag the sample (while wearing gloves) and put it in the trash. Samples received Friday night through Saturday exceed the holding time and cannot be tested. Notification to the Health Department should be made in the same manner with the same information as stated above. We will log the address of the dead bird and report to the State Health Department and County Mosquito Commission.