

Status report on nuisance bird control issues

Iowa City Landfill and Recycling Center
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Observed Bird Populations

Eight Landfill Bird Survey Forms were completed by three landfill staff since March 1.

- All bird populations began to decrease significantly in early March.
- Almost no birds were present by early May, to current.

Actions

- Bird surveys were performed regularly, as noted above. As bird populations dwindled, staff took fewer surveys.
- Landfill staff dirted, sprayed or tarped trash daily, as required by our permit.
- Staff utilized Odor Sergeant, the spray cover additive, regularly in this reporting period. Minimal impact was noted.
- Staff did not utilize the bird laser or the noisemaker in this reporting period.
- Bird traps were removed by USDA in early March; minimal birds were being caught at that time.

Other Items of Note

- No complaints have been received from neighbors.
- The City has a contract for FY25 with USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for lethal control. APHIS staff removed the traps during this reporting period.

Next Steps

- Staff will continue to utilize Odor Sergeant additive, the noise maker, and the hand-held laser to deter birds as needed.
- The City will evaluate working with APHIS for lethal control in FY26, for late 2025, based on APHIS's recommendations. Any changes to approach or tactics and their results will be noted in future reports.
- The City will provide the next quarterly update to IDNR by October 1, 2025.

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