



Burying vipers and vermin

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Q: I would like to ask you about the ruling on what to be done with vermin after killing them. Do I have to bury them or leave them unburied? We are in the habit of burying them, but

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we do not know whether this is right or wrong. Please give us your fatwa. May Allah grant you a better reward.

A: Burying dead vermin is optional as there is no text in the Shari`ah (Islamic Law) which either requires nor prohibits burying them. It is preferable, however, to bury them in order to prevent the harm they may cause to people.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions.

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