I hate wasting a resource, especially when it involves killing a wild animal. I think it is a responsibility to choose to take an animal's life and as such you should pay it the respect of knowing how to utilize it as much as possible once it is dead.

If you are a hunter who doesn't know how to tan a hide, or you are someone who thinks that one day you will need to hunt to provide food in a SHTF survival situation etc, you definitely want to learn how to tan a hide. Animal hides can provide clothing, footwear, blankets and shelter, so don't waste those hides... The post below is an excellent resource which details several methods of hide tanning. It is a must-read for novices and seasoned hunters alike.

How To Tan A Hide 101 (Via Several Methods)

(Photo from: pete/scavenger)