

Highlights of Important Changes in the 2004–2005 Hunting and Trapping Regulations

New Jersey sportsmen and women can look forward to another exceptional hunting season that will offer a wide range of opportunities to hunt waterfowl, upland game and deer, from early September through mid-February. The New Jersey Fish and Game Council made few changes in the 2004–2005 Game Code for the hunting and trapping seasons. For details, see the regulations sections of this *Digest*. Following are highlights of some regulation revisions and calendar changes:

Lead Shot Exception Eliminated: The Game Code eliminates an exception that allowed lead shot to be used for hunting coot, snipe, rail or gallinule, and now requires federally approved, nontoxic shot to be used for hunting these species at all times. Regulations previously allowed the use of lead shot because nontoxic shot was unavailable in the small sizes and gauges typically used for hunting these species. For additional information, including season dates and bag limits, see the *New Jersey 2004–05 Migratory Bird Regulations* supplement available in September.

Small Game Hunting Seasons: The regular small game season for rabbits, pheasant, quail and chukar partridge begins at 8 a.m. on Nov. 13, 2004. The season for grouse and squirrel begins on Sept.

25, 2004. See the *Small Game Hunting Regulations* section of this *Digest* for season dates, bag limits and other regulations.

Permit Bow Deer Season: At the request of sportsmen, the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 22–24, 2004) were reinstated as hunting days, **except** in Zones 7 through 15, 36, 41, 49, 50 and 51 (Earn-A-Buck zones). The Earn-A-Buck zones will remain closed on these dates to avoid conflict with the shotgun and muzzleloader permit deer seasons, during which hunters are restricted to harvesting antlerless deer.

Special Youth Deer Day: Youth Deer Hunting Day will be Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004. See the “Youth Hunting Opportunities” section of the *Digest* for additional information on the special youth hunting days for waterfowl, pheasant, turkey and deer.

Six-day Firearm Deer Season: The six-day buck season is Dec. 6–11, 2004. (Traditionally, the season begins on the second Monday after Thanksgiving.)

Permit Shotgun Deer Season: The one-day season was expanded to three days, and the bag limit was increased to two deer from one deer (two antlerless or one antlered and one antlerless)

in Zone 18 only. Zone 18 is located in northern Ocean County and includes the Collier’s Mills, Manchester and Whiting Wildlife Management Areas. Seasons formats and bag limits remain unchanged for all other regular management zones.

Special Deer Management Areas: Minor adjustments were made to season dates, bag limits and permit quotas in seven special deer management zones. Refer to the “Special Area Deer Hunting Season Information” section of the *Digest* for additional information on dates, bag limits, public access and other regulations.

For specific information on deer season dates, bag limits and other regulations according to management zones, see the “Deer Regulations Sets” and “Deer Hunting Regulations” sections of the *Digest*.

Beaver Trapping: The regular beaver permit quota was increased to 186 permits from 175 permits. This change offers greater recreational opportunity for up to 11 trappers and will enhance efforts to manage local beaver populations. The bag limit remains eight beavers per regular season permit. The special permit application period for beaver and otter is Oct. 15 to Nov. 15.

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General Hunting Regulations

This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal documents.

No person shall hunt except as prescribed by law. See section "Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions," page 6, for special rules.

Persons required by law to wear corrective lenses to operate a motor vehicle (as noted on a valid driver's license) must wear corrective lenses when hunting with a bow or firearm of any kind.

.22 Rifles

A valid rifle permit must be possessed while hunting with a .22 caliber rifle.

It is unlawful to possess and use .22 caliber rifle except while hunting woodchuck, [no rifle hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)] hunting raccoon and opossum with hounds, and dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat.

.22 caliber rifles must be loaded with short cartridges only, except when hunting woodchuck.

.22 caliber rifles need not be plugged, but must be loaded with no more than three shells. No 10–17 year olds may hunt with any rimfire or centerfire rifle.

See chart on page 51 for details on small caliber rifle ammunition legal for hunting woodchucks.

Bow and Arrow

"Bow" means any long bow, recurve bow or compound bow that is hand held and hand drawn, with no mechanical device built into it or attached to it that will enable the archer to lock the bow at a full or partial draw. All draw locking and draw holding devices are prohibited. Hand held release devices are permitted.

All bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds at the archer's draw length, except compounds, which must have a minimum peak draw weight of 35 pounds. All arrows used for hunting deer, turkey, coyote or woodchuck must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal head with a minimum width of 3/4 inches.

Arrows fitted with heads other than specified for deer, turkey, coyote or woodchuck may be carried in the woods and fields during the small game season or other seasons which overlap with the bow and arrow deer season.

It is unlawful to:

- use a crossbow or variation,
- use or possess a poison arrow or one with an explosive tip,
- use a bow one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise during any season,
- use a bow and arrow from any vehicle, moving or stationary,
- have both a firearm and bow in possession or under control while hunting.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Regulations

The importation of any live deer or elk into New Jersey is prohibited. This ban is intended to prevent the introduction of disease into New

Jersey. All testing of New Jersey's wild deer herd indicates it is healthy and there are no known cases of CWD.

New Jersey hunters who hunt in other states may bring back to New Jersey legally harvested deer and elk as long as all laws and regulations from the state of origin are satisfied. When hunting out-of-state, sportsmen and women are urged to comply with all disease control recommendations for the state in which the game is harvested.

Dogs—Hunting and Training

Allowing dogs to run at large is prohibited.

Persons may train dogs without firearms in daylight at any time except during any open firearm deer season.

No person shall train a raccoon or opossum hunting dog on WMAs other than during the periods of Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2004 and from Mar. 1 to May 1, 2005. Training hours shall be one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

It is illegal to use dogs to pursue or run black bear or to track wounded deer or bear.

Note: For special areas and regulations for dog training on WMAs see the section of Wildlife Management Area Regulations, page 58.

SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED:

- Carrying a loaded firearm or nocked arrow within 450 feet of an occupied building or any school playground is prohibited, except the owner or lessee of a building and persons specifically authorized by him in writing may hunt within 450 feet of the building. Note: persons authorized to hunt within 450 feet of a building must be in the possession of the written permission when hunting.
- Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow on or across highways or roads. Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow from a motor vehicle.
- Hunting for or shooting any wildlife by aid of a light, except when hunting raccoon, coyote or opossum while on foot.
- Hunting or shooting with the aid of a light attached to or carried in a vehicle.
- On national wildlife refuges, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait is prohibited.
- Hunting with arrows, darts or any other device propelled by any means that is used for the purpose of injecting or delivering any type of drug into an animal.
- Using electronic calling devices except when hunting for fox, raccoon, crow and coyote.
- Loaded firearms in a motor vehicle. Possession of a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle is considered proof of pursuing or taking of wildlife.
- Transporting an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle.
- Shooting into a squirrel's nest.

The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the following apply:

- Baiting is prohibited.
- No permanent tree stands or screw-in steps are permitted.
- You cannot possess a loaded firearm while on any publicly traveled roadway within the area.

Falconry

No person shall use a raptor for hunting without a falconry permit and a valid hunting license. No person under 14 years of age may hunt

by means of a raptor. Hunting *migratory* birds with raptors on Sunday is prohibited.

Falconry permits will be issued only to persons who pass a comprehensive examination and who can provide proper facilities for housing a raptor.

Beginning falconers must be sponsored by an experienced falconer.

No person shall possess a firearm while hunting with raptors.

For additional information, write to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, or call (908) 735-8793.

Farmer Regulations

The occupant of a farm may allow his or her dog to run at large on land he or she occupies, except during the firearm deer seasons.

Farmers and their lessees occupying or farming their land, members of their immediate families, or their farming employees may kill crows, woodchuck and fox on farm property at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. However, they must use legal firearms, ammunition and other lawful procedures.

Farmers may trap foxes destroying poultry, crops or property at any time, subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may shoot or trap coyotes by lawful procedures at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. A regional Division law enforcement office must be notified within 24 hours of killing a coyote.

Firearms and Missiles

A person may not go into the woods or fields with a firearm except during prescribed seasons.

Airguns are not legal hunting firearms.

It is unlawful to possess in the woods and fields shot larger than #4 fine shot except for hunting deer, bear, waterfowl, woodchuck (farmers only) or coyote. Rimfire and centerfire rifles not legal to hunt deer

For hunting, rimfire and centerfire rifles is not capable of holding more than three shells at one time. Rifles need not be plugged but may not be loaded with more than three rounds.

Hunter Orange

Hunters must wear a cap made of daylight fluorescent orange or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides at all times while engaged in hunting. A camo-orange hat alone is not adequate.

This applies to all persons while hunting deer, bear, rabbit, hare, squirrel, fox, railbirds, and game birds including while in a tree stand.

Exceptions: this law does not apply to waterfowl, crow, wild turkey, coyote, woodchuck nor bow-hunters except that a bow hunter using a deer decoy must wear hunter orange, as described above, while transporting the decoy into and out of the woods and fields.

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General Hunting Regulations

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Muzzleloading Rifles

It is unlawful to use smokeless powder in a muzzleloader while hunting in New Jersey.

Properly licensed and permitted hunters 10 years and older may hunt with a muzzleloading rifle. A valid rifle permit must be possessed while hunting with a muzzleloading rifle.

It is unlawful to hunt with a muzzleloading rifle on WMAs, except for deer, bear and squirrel hunting during the special season in certain zones. For muzzleloader rifle squirrel hunting, see page 51. For muzzleloader deer hunting, see page 21. For rifle permit information, see page 5.

Non-Resident Game Removal

A non-resident licensee may remove from the state each day a daily bag limit of game. However, a non-resident may not take more than two day's bag limit from the state after one week's stay (Sunday to Saturday inclusive). This does not apply to game raised or killed at a licensed commercial preserve and legally tagged.

Possession Of Certain Wildlife By Persons, Taxidermists & Butchers

No person shall have in possession a deer, bear or turkey that he himself or she herself did not kill unless it has a tag bearing the name, address, telephone number, license and permit numbers of the person who killed the deer, bear or turkey. Those in the business of processing deer, bear or turkey, that is butchers, taxidermists, etc., shall keep a ledger of all of their customers. Each customer's name, current address, day and evening telephone numbers, hunting license number, and

possession seal number of any black bear, deer or turkey being processed shall be included in the ledger. The ledger shall be made available for inspection upon request during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by any law enforcement officer or employee of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Sunday Hunting

No person may hunt with firearms or any other weapon or carry a gun in the woods or fields or on the waters on Sunday: except on semi-wild and commercial shooting preserve lands for the purpose of shooting stocked game; and when using a .22 rifle for dispatching trapped animals.

Persons are allowed to hunt raccoon or opossum between midnight on Saturday and one hour before sunrise on Sunday during the prescribed season.

Trespass Law

Hunters and trappers must have permission (oral or written) from the landowner or lessee prior to entering both posted lands and agricultural lands (which are not required to be posted). Hunters also must obtain permission to enter posted land and agricultural land for the purpose of recovering deer. Obtaining written permission to hunt or trap on all private land and having that document with you afield is recommended, as written permission is the only legal defense to a trespass charge. See page 59 for the Hunt SMART Courtesy Card.

Hunters must not hunt in unharvested crops without first obtaining permission from the owner. Anyone causing damage to cultivated crops, orchards, fences, buildings or livestock may be arrested without warrant by the owner, occupant, lessee, or any officer of the law. Violators are liable for a fine of up to \$2,000 and restitution to

the property owner in addition to the loss of hunting privileges for a period of two years.

Wildlife

Taxidermists note: The sale of wild birds and game animals or parts thereof is prohibited in New Jersey. Legally trapped furbearers may be sold. Questions concerning the above should be directed to regional Division law enforcement offices.

It is illegal to capture, kill, injure or have in possession any wild bird other than a game bird.

No one may rob a bird's nest.

The removal of the skin or feathers or mutilation of any wild bird or mammal in the woods or fields for the purpose of concealing sex or identity is illegal.

All nongame mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians are protected. Penalties for taking these species range from \$250–\$5,000.

There is no open season on bobcats. It is illegal to kill, attempt to kill or possess bobcats, except parts of bobcats legally taken in other states may be possessed but not sold in New Jersey.

Wildlife Damage Control

Property owners and occupants of dwellings, or their agents designated in writing, suffering damage from squirrel, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, woodchuck, gray fox, red fox and coyote may control these animals by lawful procedures at any time subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may also control the above species by lawful procedures when found destroying livestock, crops or poultry at any time subject to state and local ordinances. Note: persons who kill a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Offices within 24 hours.

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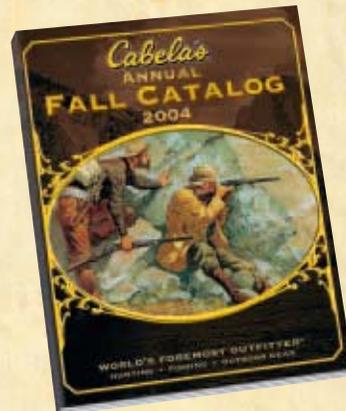


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Deer Hunting Regulations

Legal Deer Hunting Hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset

Only **ONE** antlered deer may be taken per season statewide, EXCEPT during the Six-Day Firearm Season, regardless of the number of special season permits in possession. **To be legal, all deer harvested must be registered at an official deer check station (see page 44) and have a metal possession seal affixed to the deer. Only after registering the first deer may a hunter take or attempt to take another deer, where legal, unless specifically written as an exception.**



Licenses and Permits

- See pages 4 and 5 for details on license, permit and Hunter Education requirements.
- Additional hunting licenses may not be purchased in order to harvest additional deer.
- Although hunters may purchase multiple deer permits, **they are limited to only ONE permit from a given zone during each of the permit seasons.** For example, a hunter may buy a muzzleloader permit for Zones 18, 21 and 24, however he/she may not purchase 2 muzzleloader permits for Zone 24. A hunter may purchase a bow permit, a muzzleloader permit and a shotgun permit for Zone 24, however he/she may not purchase 2 bow permits (or 2 shotgun permits or 2 muzzleloader permits) for Zone 24.
- It is unlawful to use a bow and arrow for hunting deer using a firearm license or shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit.

Key Concepts and Definitions

- **Antlered deer** is defined as any deer with at least one antler measuring at least three inches in length as defined below.
- **Antlerless deer** is defined as any deer that does not have an antler length measuring at least three inches. For the purposes of this definition, adult deer that have shed their antlers are considered antlerless deer.
- **Antler Point** is defined as any point at least one inch long from its tip to its base line, and the length must exceed the width at some location at least one inch down from the tip.
- **Antler length** is defined as the maximum length of a deer antler measured from the lowest outside edge of the antler burr along the outer curve to the most distant point of what is or appears to be the main antler beam. For the purposes of this definition, the antler length does not include the pedicel or portion of skull between the skull plate and base of the antler point.
- **Earn-A-Buck** zones include Zones 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 36, 38, 40, 41, 49, 50, 51 and 67. The **first** deer harvested by the sportsmen from these zones during any open season through Dec. 11, 2004 must be an antlerless deer as defined above. Earn-A-Buck is a tool to reduce the growth of deer herds in areas where the harvest of antlerless animals under regular

harvest guidelines is insufficient to reach desired population levels. The number of antlerless deer harvested, including does, is increased substantially in Earn-A-Buck zones.

- **Quality Deer Management** zones include Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, 59, 63 and 67. The harvest of antlered deer from these zones during any open season is restricted to deer having at least one antler having a minimum of three antler points as defined above. The general goal of Quality Deer Management is to reduce harvest pressure on the 1-1/2 year old antlered deer in the expectation that they will survive to produce larger antlers as older animals.
- **Special Area Deer Management** zones include Zones 37, 38, 39, 40, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 64, 66 and 67. They are generally small, publicly owned properties administered by county, federal or state agencies (other than the Division of Fish and Wildlife) where deer season dates, bag limits or regulations differ from those of the surrounding deer management zone. See page 35-38 for details.
- **Youth Hunter** status applies to the possessor of a valid Youth Hunting License (or the immediate member of a qualified occupant farmer who is at least 10 years of age) and continues until Dec. 31 of the year in which he or she turns 16 years of age. The **Youth Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004.** The bag limit for

youth hunters on this day is ONE deer of either sex. Point restrictions do not apply to deer taken on this day by youth hunters. See *Regulation Sets* beginning on page 28; see also page 71.

Firearms, Ammunition and Sights

- See page 15 for general hunting regulations which also apply to deer hunting.
- **All Firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles.** A muzzleloader is considered unloaded when, in the case of a percussion cap rifle or shotgun, the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple; in the case of a flintlock, when the powder is removed from the pan and a boot or cover made of nonmetallic material is placed over the frizzen.
- Hunters using or possessing **any shotgun slug** in the field during the deer seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep **sights** or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
- **Telescopic sights** of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for deer hunting on **all** firearms, including muzzleloader rifles and smoothbore muzzleloader shotguns. No permits are required for telescopic sights.
- Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as **pumpkin balls are prohibited.**

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Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting:

Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)	Firearm sights; Bow releases
Fall bow Permit bow Winter bow	Bow —long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"	Hand-held release devices are permitted
Permit muzzleloader	Muzzleloader —rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Double-barrel firearms prohibited	Rifle —not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore —not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Must be loaded with a single projectile only	Telescopic sights permitted
Six-day firearm	Shotgun —single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs —lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug Buck shot —sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	Muzzleloader —single-shot, single barrel rifle OR single or double-barrel smoothbore shotgun. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted	Muzzleloading rifle —single shot not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore —single or double-barrel not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Muzzleloading rifle —single projectile Smoothbore —buck shot not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Telescopic sights permitted
Permit shotgun	Shotgun —single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs —lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug Buck shot —sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	Muzzleloader —single or double-barrel <i>smoothbores</i> only (no rifles). Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Buck shot —sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	

Deer Hunting Regulations

(continued from page 21)

- While deer hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for deer hunting.
- Only **one** muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be in possession while deer hunting.
- Only **black powder or black powder equivalents**, including Clean Shot, GOEX Clear Shot and Pyrodex, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting. Modern smokeless powder is strictly prohibited while hunting game with a muzzleloading firearm.
- **Special Area Deer Management Zones** may have regulations that **differ** from the statewide regulations. See page 35 for details.

Baiting Regulation

- Baiting is allowed for deer hunting. Hunters may hunt for deer while in a tree, on the ground, or in a structure and from any height and any distance from the bait pile. Hunters should check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on their hunting area as baiting is **not** allowed on properties such as national wildlife refuges.

Decoys and Electronic Devices

- **Persons may hunt with the aid of deer decoys statewide in those zones open for deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow Seasons only.** When carrying or moving deer decoys for the purpose of hunting, persons must wear a fluorescent orange hat or other garment consisting of at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material, which shall be visible from all sides as currently required for firearm deer hunting.
- It is unlawful to hunt for deer with the aid of an electronic calling device or any device, that casts a beam of light upon the deer.

Bag Limits

- Properly licensed hunters are limited to taking one antlered buck per season (regardless of the number of permits purchased) during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader, Permit Shotgun and Winter Bow seasons. Two antlered bucks may be taken during the Six-Day Firearm season. **Exception:** *If two antlered bucks are taken during the Six-Day Firearm season, the antlered buck bag limit for Permit Shotgun is zero. HUNTER'S CHOICE: take two antlered bucks during Six-Day Firearm, or one antlered buck during Six-Day Firearm and one antlered buck during Permit Shotgun.* The antlerless bag limit for these seasons will include one, two or unlimited depending on the zone and season. The bag limit for Six-Day Firearm remains at two antlered bucks.
- Two deer may be taken at a time in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 25, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, 64 and 66 during the Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons, respectively (in those zones open for those seasons), until the season concludes.

Tagging Requirements

- Hunters taking an *antlered* deer must have an Antlered Buck Stub from their current and valid hunting license and must **immediately** detach, date and initial the buck stub valid for that season in which the antlered deer is harvested. All harvested deer shall be tagged immediately with a completely filled in "transportation tag" and shall be transported directly to the closest deer check station before 8:00 p.m. EDT or EST, whichever is in effect during the Fall Bow Season and before 7:00 p.m. EST during all other seasons.
- Upon checking the deer, the transportation tag, and buck stub if applicable, **must** be surrendered to the check station operator.
- **Transportation tags from 2004 permits ARE VALID for the entire length of the permit bow, muzzleloader or shotgun seasons, including January and February 2005, if the zone specified on the original permit is open for hunting during these dates. Do NOT use the buck stub from your 2005 firearm license in January or February!**
- ALL Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags are valid **immediately** for taking another deer on the day of issuance.

After Harvesting a Deer: Mandatory Deer Check Requirement

1. **Tag your deer**—Complete all requested information in ink. Deer transportation tags must be completed, detached from license or permit, and securely attached to the deer **immediately** after it has been killed.
2. **Upon killing an antlered buck**, hunters must **immediately** date, initial and detach the *antlered buck stub* valid for that season from their 2004 license and attach the stub to the deer along **with** the transportation tag. *Do NOT use the buck stub from your 2005 firearm license in January or February!*
3. **All hunters are required to register harvested deer.** Bring your deer to the official deer check station (see page 44) **closest** to where you harvested the deer. While deer must be **open to view at all times** when being transported (even after registration at a deer check station), be discrete when transporting deer to and from a check station, butcher or taxidermist.
4. **Deer must be taken by the person who killed the deer**, on the day killed, to the **closest** deer check station by 8:00 p.m. EDT during the regular Fall Bow Season, and by 7:00 p.m. EST during all other seasons. The transportation tag, and buck stub if applicable, **must** be surrendered to the check station operator. Personnel at the check station will attach a legal, metal possession seal to the deer, and, if applicable, will issue a New Jersey Supplemental Transportation Tag for the harvest of another deer.
5. **Remember:** Bring your hunting license and applicable deer season permit to the deer check station.

What should be done when a deer is recovered too late to register at a check station?

1. **Go home and immediately call the nearest NJ Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement Office.**

For deer harvested in these counties:

Bergen	Morris	Union
Essex	Passaic	Warren
Hunterdon	Somerset	
Hudson	Sussex	

Call the Northern Region Law Enforcement Office at (908) 735-8240.

For deer harvested in these counties:

Burlington	Monmouth
Mercer	Ocean
Middlesex	

Call the Central Region Law Enforcement Office at (609) 259-2120

For deer harvested in these counties:

Atlantic	Cumberland
Camden	Gloucester
Cape May	Salem

Call the Southern Region Law Enforcement Office at (856) 629-0555

2. **Leave a message on the recorder** with your name, phone number, hunting license number and state from which deer management zone the deer was taken.
3. **Check your deer the following morning at the closest deer check station to your home.** If weather conditions necessitate butchering the deer immediately, you must bring the head and hide to be checked the next day.

After checking your deer— Possession/Sale

- Metal possession seals (affixed to deer at check stations) **must** be kept until all venison is consumed **and** as long as you keep any part or parts, including antlers, are kept. Persons with deer mounts should write their name, legal possession seal number, date of kill, and season of harvest on back of the mounting plate for future reference.
- It is illegal to sell deer meat, deer antlers or any part of a deer **except** deer hides. However, non-profit organizations conducting wild game dinners for social and fundraising events may offer game or furbearer meat (the sale of which is otherwise prohibited) provided that the meat had been harvested, stored and processed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

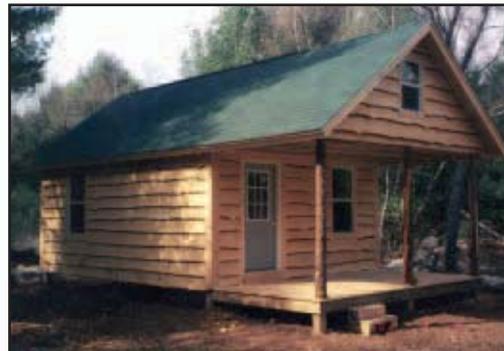
Spotlighting

- Spotlighting deer during hours of darkness from a vehicle is illegal while in possession of a weapon capable of killing deer, **whether the weapon is cased or uncased or in a locked compartment.** This does not apply to the regular use of headlights when traveling in a normal manner on public or private roads.

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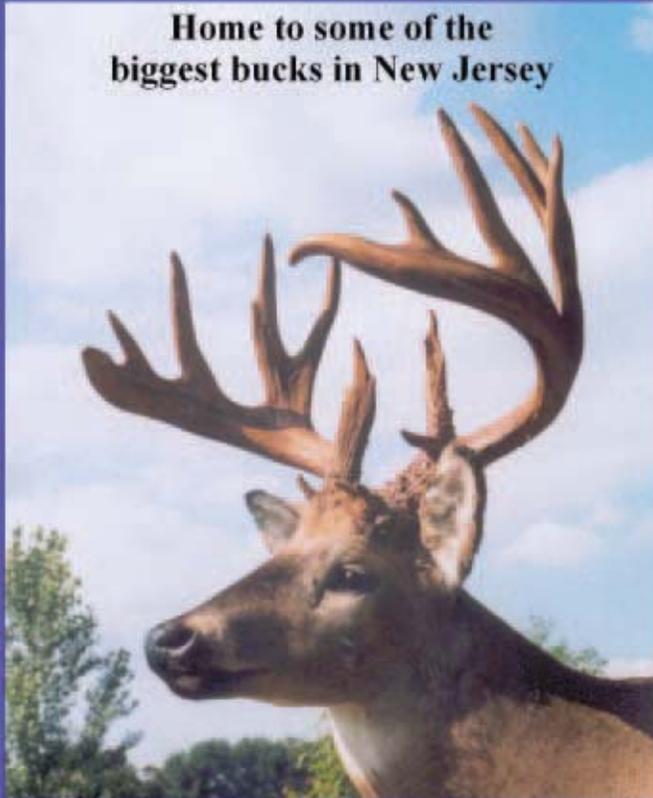
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