

# NJ AIR GUN FAQ'S



**Q1. What can I hunt with an air gun in NJ?**

Squirrel and rabbit can be hunted with an air gun during the small game seasons.

**Q2. What caliber air gun can I use?**

.177 caliber through .22 caliber air guns can be used.

**Q3. What license do I need to hunt with an air gun?**

A basic firearm license is all you need to hunt with an air gun. No rifle permit is needed.

**Q4. Can I take my hunter ed class with an air gun?**

No. You still need to shoot a shotgun at the basic firearms hunter ed class.

**Q5. Can I use a BB gun?**

No. The air gun needs to shoot pellets. Wadcutter, domed/pointed and hollow point designed pellets are all permitted.

**Q6. How fast does my air gun need to shoot?**

Your air gun needs to have a muzzle velocity of at least 600 fps.

**Q7. Are air guns considered firearms in the state of NJ?**

Yes. In NJ, air guns are defined as firearms. Therefore ALL firearm laws that apply to other modern firearms in NJ, also apply to air guns.

**Q8. How old do I need to be to hunt with an air gun?**

The minimum age for hunting with an air gun is no different then other types of hunting. You need to be at least 10 years old.

**Q9. What do I need to buy an air gun in NJ?**

Since NJ law defines air guns as firearms, one needs a NJ Firearm Purchasers ID Card to purchase one.

**Q10. Where should I aim on a rabbit or squirrel?**

Head shots are recommended for rabbits and squirrels. Accuracy is key when hunting with the air gun.

**Q11. How do I unload an air gun?**

The safe and recommended way to unload an air gun is to shoot it into a safe backstop at the end of the hunt.

**Q12. Do safety zone laws apply when hunting with an air gun?**

Yes. As with all firearms, the safety zone is still 450 feet.

**Q13. Is it legal to use an air bow?**

No, they are an air gun which shoots arrows which are not legal ammunition.