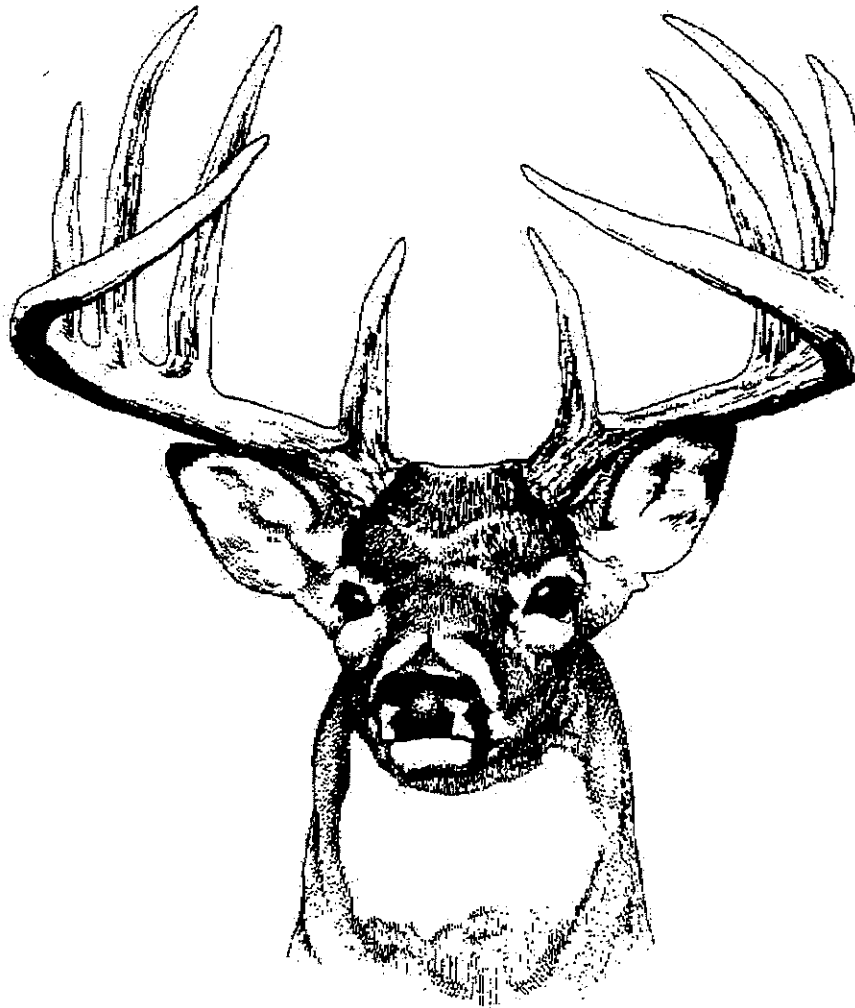


**City of Wautoma
Deer Management
Program
Information & Regulations**



This pamphlet provides a summary of the City of Wautoma's Deer Management Program and its important policies and procedures. It is not intended to be a comprehensive guide to all hunting related laws that pertain to the City of Wautoma Deer Management Program.

The policies, rules, and regulations outlined in this manual are not designed to represent requirements on any privately owned property within the municipal boundaries of the City of Wautoma. Please consult State laws and City ordinances for information governing the policies, rules, and regulations that apply to archery hunting on private property.

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Program Overview:

The City of Wautoma's Deer Management Program is designed to manage the overall deer population within Wautoma City Limits. The City of Wautoma Common Council has created policies, rules and regulations that allow for archery hunting at the City of Wautoma Landfill in approved areas, as designated and delineated by the Chief of Police, specifically for the purpose of managing the white-tailed deer population. The City of Wautoma Common Council and Police Department, will closely monitor this program, and may make adjustments to its intent and structure in the future as deemed appropriate.

All program participants are required to follow all policies, rules, and regulations associated with this program. Any participant found in violation of the policies, rules and regulations established by the City of Wautoma and/or the Wisconsin DNR, will have their privilege of participating in this Deer Management Program suspended immediately. Further, any participant cited by either a WDNR Conservation Warden or State, County or City Police Officer for any violation whatsoever, be it a hunting or non-hunting violation, while participating in any activity related to this program will have their privilege of participation suspended immediately, pending a review by the Chief of Police. Even if you are found not guilty in a court of law, hunting privileges within the City of Wautoma Deer Management Program may, or may not, be reinstated depending upon the final decision of the Chief of Police.

The City of Wautoma Deer Management Program has several additional rules and policies that may be more restrictive compared to the general state of Wisconsin Archery season. Our added provisions are designed to enhance public safety. It is designed to provide deer population management utilizing archery methods. As such, there will be more rules than a traditional hunter may encounter in other hunting situations.

Applicant Minimum Requirements:

Applicants must meet these minimum requirements before they may apply to participate in the City of Wautoma Deer Management Program. **Application to the program is mandatory on an annual basis.** An application will be denied if any of these minimum requirements are not satisfied prior to the close of the current year's application period.

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Must possess a valid, appropriate State hunting license(s) required to deer hunt in Wisconsin for the timeframe they wish to participate, as well as a valid DNR Customer Number.
3. Have successfully completed a hunter education course if born after January 1, 1973 or have completed basic training with the Armed Forces.
4. Must complete and provide both local and statewide background check information.
5. Have no hunting related violations on their record.
6. Must possess archery equipment that meets minimum requirements outlined within the state hunting regulations.
6. Must be a resident of the City of Wautoma.

Additional Minimum Participant Requirements:

City of Wautoma Deer Management Program participants must satisfy the following requirements to remain eligible to participate in the program. Failure to satisfy these requirements can lead to removal from the program. These minimum requirements are subject to change, so it is important to review them annually.

1. Must sign and agree to comply with the Policies, Rules, and Regulations of the City of Wautoma Deer Management Program.
2. Report any harvests to the Wautoma Police Department within 48 hours.
3. Carry your carcass tag, and proof of a valid archery license on your person whenever executing any activity related to the program.
4. Participants in the program must possess the appropriate valid hunting license at all times while hunting.

Application Dates:

Resident Application Period (City of Wautoma residents only): July 1st to August 31st.

All application materials must be submitted to the Chief of Police by 8:00 AM on the application deadline.

Program Fees:

All fees associated have been waived by the City of Wautoma Common Council.

Participant Selection:

Not all applicants may be selected to participate in the program. Once an applicant is authorized to participate in the program, they will remain as an active participant for the duration of the deer archery season. Additional participants may be added to the program if individuals leave the program during the archery season.

Participant selection will be determined by the following methods:

1. Depending on the number of applicants who apply, the Chief of Police may need to utilize a lottery system to select program participants. Currently, there is little information on the number of applicants who may wish to participate in the program.
2. If the applicant meets all requirements their name may be drawn the first week of September.
3. The drawing will also decide what zone of the City of Wautoma Landfill the participant is allowed to hunt in.
4. Your participation ends with the archery season and you must re-apply the next year. Residents who did not receive a permit the previous year will be given preference.

Authorizations & Permits:

Before hunting, you must sign your permit. Your deer permit shall be carried on your person while hunting.

Tag & Permits:

Participants may only hunt deer for which they have a valid unfilled permit or tag.

Hunter Education Requirements:

All participants within the City of Wautoma Deer Management Program must satisfy and comply with

the same hunter education requirements and standards published in the State of Wisconsin's Deer Hunting Regulations guidebook provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Baiting and Feeding:

Baiting on the property is not allowed in accordance with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources law.

Trail Cameras

The use of trail cameras is permissible in your assigned zone of the City of Wautoma Deer Management Program. The cameras must be permanently marked at all times with the hunter's customer ID# so it is easily identifiable by authorities. Trail cameras are only to be in use during the authorized hunting season, and must be removed when in the off season. They must not damage any vegetation. The City of Wautoma Deer Management Program Administrator may request to see any images from the camera at any time. It is highly recommended to lock your camera for security, as the Management Program cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen cameras. The City of Wautoma Police, WI DNR, or Deer Management Program Administrator may remove the camera at any time if rules are not being followed or camera is not properly identified.

Deer Donation:

Program participants may choose to donate a harvested deer to a charity of their choosing. All donated deer must be properly field dressed and registered prior to donation, with the associated State of Wisconsin DNR confirmation number accompanying the donated deer.

Hunting Hours:

Hunting hours will be defined in the current year's State of Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations guidebook provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. No bow and arrow device shall be situated with the arrow in the nocked position during hours when deer hunting is unlawful.

Hunting Devices:

The only legal hunting devices to take, or attempt to take deer are:

1. Vertical bows, limited to longbows, re-curve bows, or compound bows with minimum pull of 30 pounds at some point within a 28-inch draw. Arrow length must be a minimum of at least 20 inches. Any mechanical device capable of maintaining a drawn or partially drawn position on a vertical bow without the hunter exerting full string tension will be considered a crossbow. A vertical bow using a mechanical device must meet the 30 pound minimum draw weight requirement.
2. Crossbows must have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a working safety, and use at least 14 inch bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads. In addition a participant wishing to hunt using a crossbow must possess a valid crossbow license issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
3. Broadheads must be used while archery deer hunting. Broadheads may have fixed or mechanical cutting blades, but they must be a minimum of 7/8 inch in diameter when fully opened. Broadheads with fixed cutting blades must be metal or flint-, chert-, or obsidian-knapped; broadheads with expandable cutting blades must be metal. All other hunting devices, including electronic arrow tracking devices utilizing radio telemetry, are illegal.

Hunting Area:

The participant may only hunt the specific site or hunt area determined by Chief of Police for which the authorization was issued. Private property is not a part of the City of Wautoma Deer Management Program. Violating these rules will be cause for dismissal from the program.

Tree Stands:

Program participants may hunt from an elevated tree stand. In addition, participants must also satisfy the following requirements:

1. Must wear a safety harness at all times while hunting from a tree stand.
2. Must remove all tree stands from the woods with one-week of the archery season ending.
3. Must hunt a minimum of 100 yards from other hunters, designated trails, roads, parking areas, public use areas.
4. Must use tree stands that will not damage trees.
5. No screw-in steps, hooks, nails, screws may be inserted into trees.
6. No cutting of vegetation to provide shooting lanes or provide for stand concealment is allowed.
7. Artificial materials may be brought in to conceal stands, but must be removed at season end. No outside vegetation may be brought in.

Clothing Requirements:

Blaze orange clothing must be worn if archery hunting during any firearm season.

Additional Regulations: It is unlawful:

1. To carry any firearm or sidearm while hunting deer with a bow and arrow.
2. For any person having taken the legal limit of deer by bow and arrow to further participate with bow and arrow in any deer hunting party.
3. To drive deer, or participate in a deer drive, on all public owned or managed properties. A deer drive is defined as a deliberate action by one or more persons (whether armed or unarmed) whose intent is to cause deer to move within archery range of one or more program participants.
4. To use, or possess with the intent to use, laser sights while hunting except if the participant holds a valid Class C visually handicapped permit.

Recovering Game:

Although hunters are required to make a reasonable effort to retrieve a dead or wounded animal, participants may not trespass to retrieve the animal even if the animal was shot outside the property where it expired. You must seek permission to recover your animal first! Any trespassing violation is immediate grounds for suspension from the program.

Tagging Instructions:

All hunters are required to carry proof of a valid State of Wisconsin Archery license while hunting in the City of Wautoma Deer Management Program. It is no longer required to attach the carcass tag to the harvested deer, but must be kept on your person while hunting. Once the deer is registered as noted below, you must keep the State of Wisconsin DNR issued Confirmation number for your records, but do not need to retain the associated paper carcass tag.

Harvest Notification:

The Chief of Police shall be notified of any harvests within 48 hours. Notification may be done by email: chiefmott@cityofwautoma.com or phone 920-787-4044.

Violations:

Any suspected program violations should be reported to the police department within 5 days of the

event.

Invasive Species:

Invasive species pose one of the greatest threats to our natural areas, native communities, and natural resources. Species that are rare or declining are often the greatest impacted by invasive species because of their few numbers or inability to adapt to changes in habitat.

Invasive species decrease the number of native plants and trees, and degrade natural habitats by reducing food and cover important to wildlife.

Avoid transferring soil and seeds from one area to another-brush off clothing, shoes, and equipment before leaving an area. This is one of the main ways invasive species are spread.

By doing your part to keep invasive species from taking over our forests, we can all continue to enjoy the quality natural resources our area provides.

Responsibility and Respect: Code of Conduct

Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of this program depends upon each participant's behavior and ethics.

Therefore, all participants in the City of Wautoma Deer Management Program are expected to follow the code of conduct outlined below:

Respect the Environment & Wildlife

1. Show respect for the wildlife you hunt by taking only clean, killing shots, then retrieving and properly handling your game.
2. Learn to tread lightly while afield. Use vehicles only on established roads and trails, practice low-impact travel to and from your site, and pack out all of your trash. No smoking is allowed.
3. Report illegal activities immediately.

Respect Property and Landowners.

1. Always get permission to enter private land.
2. If you must recover an animal on private property, first receive permission to do so, and then offer to share your game with the landowner, or say thank you in some other way.
3. Alert the police department about any problems you discover on your designated site.

Show Consideration for Non-Hunters.

- Remember that the future of this deer management program depends on hunters and non-hunters alike. Be considerate of the non-hunting public's sensibilities, and strive to leave them with positive images of the Deer Management Program and its participants.
- Don't flaunt your harvested animal. Treat game carcasses in an inoffensive manner, particularly during transport.
- Be considerate of all outdoor users on public land within the City of Wautoma, including other hunters and non-hunters.

Hunt Safely.

- Exercise caution at all times.

- Discharge your bow or crossbow only when you are absolutely sure of your target and its background.
- Use a flashlight or other illuminating device when entering or exiting the woods in low light conditions.
- Wear hunter orange whenever appropriate or required while afield.
- Remember that hunting and alcohol don't mix.
- Know the limitations of your skills and equipment, and hunt within those limits.
- Sight-in your bow and/or crossbow, and practice shooting to ensure a clean, humane kill in the field.

Exemptions

The City of Wautoma Deer Management Program Administrator reserves the right to issue a rules exemption to individuals involved in the City of Wautoma Deer Management Program. There is no guarantee of an exemption being issued, but the Deer Management Program administrators will review each situation on a case-by-case basis. Exemptions may be granted for the following reasons but are not limited to:

1. Medical or physical disability due to injury, preventing the hunter from achieving the program goals or regulations.
2. Military assignment preventing the hunter from being able to meet the program guidelines.