



### RULES AND REGULATIONS

The City of Wheeling, in accordance with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, is pleased to announce the 2013 Urban Deer Hunt for the City of Wheeling. Under regulations promulgated by the Division of Natural Resources, **the Urban Deer Hunt will begin on Saturday, September 7, 2013 and continue through December 31, 2013.** On April 29, 2012 the Natural Resources Commission approved numerous recommendations of the Division of Natural Resources pertaining to seasons and bag limits as they relate to the special urban deer archery season. Please refer to the WV Secretary of State Office's website at [www.sos.wv.gov](http://www.sos.wv.gov) to review the revised **58CSR45** legislative rule (**section 3.3b pertains to the special urban deer archery season**). The following is a breakdown of the rules for the special urban deer archery season as set forth by the City of Wheeling for the 2013 Urban Deer Hunt. Any questions may be directed to the City Manager's Office at 304-234-3617.

1. Opening date for the special urban deer archery season will be September 7, 2013 and the season continues through December 31, 2013.
2. The bag limit for all incorporated cities is seven (7) deer which may include **no more than two antlered deer and the first deer harvested must be antlerless.**
3. All hunters are required by the state and the City to have a valid base hunting license or be exempt from having to purchase a base hunting license.
4. Two antlerless deer may be taken in a day during the special urban deer archery season (first antlerless deer must be taken to an official game checking station for tagging prior to pursuing an additional antlerless deer on the same day).
5. Hunting in the City limits of the City of Wheeling is by permit only. Hunters must register annually with the City of Wheeling, obtain a card certifying that they are eligible to hunt in the City, and obtain a copy of the rules and regulations. (*Hunters possessing a WV lifetime hunting license previously registered with the City of Wheeling need not register yearly as these cards do not expire, however those possessing the lifetime hunting permit must notify the City of their intention to participate and must obtain a copy of the rules and regulation as well they will be required to notify the City Manager's Office of any deer harvested within City limits.*)
6. The hunt is for deer only and only legal bows and arrows may be used.
7. Hunters must complete the International Bowhunter Education Program Course to be eligible to hunt.
8. Hunters must have **written permission in their possession** from the landowner **while hunting** on private property, City of Wheeling property included (i.e., North Park Landfill, etc.) **Sunday hunting is strictly prohibited within the corporate limits of the City of Wheeling.**
9. No hunting is allowed within **300 feet of a dwelling, including your own.**
10. All deer harvested must be legally checked at an official W. Va. game checking station and **must be reported to the City Manager's Office via postcard provided at sign up. Hunters possessing a lifetime permit must make arrangements to obtain these cards prior to participating in the Urban Deer Hunt. Post cards must be returned no later than January 31, 2014 regardless of whether the hunter harvests any deer within the city limits of the City of Wheeling. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the hunter's exclusion from future City of Wheeling Urban Deer Hunts.**
11. All West Virginia hunting rules and regulations apply to the hunt.
12. The City may charge an administrative fee to cover costs for the program.
13. Disregard of W. Va. State Hunting Laws and City of Wheeling Urban Deer Hunt Rules and Regulations will result in the exclusion of a hunter from all future City of Wheeling Urban Deer Hunts.