



RULES AND REGULATIONS

The City of Wheeling, in accordance with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, is pleased to announce the 2020 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 5, 2020 and continue through Thursday, December 31, 2020. There will also be a special two week season beginning on Monday, January 11, 2021 and continuing through Saturday, January 30, 2021. In order to participate in the January special season a hunter must present their 2021 WV Hunting License. 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 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 2020-21 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 5, 2020 and the season continues through December 31, 2020 with a special 2 week season from January 11, 2021 through January 30, 2021. Any deer harvested in the January, 2021 Special Season will count towards the hunter's 2021 Urban Deer Hunt bag limit.
2. The bag limit for all incorporated cities is seven (7) deer which may include **no more than two antlered deer; 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 or an alternate accepted manner 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, 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 regulations, as well they will be required to notify the City Manager's Office of any deer harvested within City limits.*) Due to COVID-19 concerns, there will be no in-person sign up for the Urban Hunt for the 2020/21 season. A hunter may e-mail (see below address) or mail a copy of their license and IBEP card or may deliver copies to the City-County Building in the drop box marked for Building Codes and all hunting materials will be returned to the hunter via e-mail or USPS.
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 or via e-mail. 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 February 28, 2021 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 will waive the administrative fee of \$5.00 for the 2020/21 hunting season.
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.