

MORGANTOWN CITY MANAGER'S HUNTER REQUIREMENTS AND RULES PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN'S URBAN DEER ARCHERY HUNT - 2023

Season Dates Established by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources:

Saturday, September 9 through Sunday, December 31, 2023

Monday, January 8 through Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Hunter Requirements

- Hunters must have a valid West Virginia hunting license.
- Hunters must complete all parts of the hunt application.
- Hunters must successfully complete the Bowhunter Education Course.
- Hunters must successfully complete an archery proficiency test.

Rules

1. Hunters shall park only in designated parking areas.
2. Hunters shall treat everyone they meet with courtesy and respect.
3. Hunters shall not litter.
4. Hunters shall obey all West Virginia game laws.
5. Hunters will be selected and assigned locations by the City Manager or his designee. A completed application is not a guarantee that a hunter will be selected. The City Manager or his designee will attempt to assign all qualified hunters, but there may be more qualified applicants than hunting locations.
6. Locations for the hunt include, but are not exclusive to:
 - a. BOPARC Parks
 - i. Dorsey's Knob
 - ii. Krepps
 - iii. Marilla
 - iv. White
 - b. Chalfant Avenue properties
 - c. Conrad Place/White Avenue adjacent properties
 - d. Green Bag Road
 - e. Harner Street
 - f. Koontz Avenue
 - g. Liberty Street
 - h. Norwood neighborhood (surrounding woodlots)
 - i. Peninsula Avenue

- j. Riverview Drive
 - k. Southpoint Circle
 - l. West Virginia University properties
 - i. Agronomy Farm
 - ii. Core Arboretum
 - iii. Dairy Farm
 - iv. Farm woodlot
 - v. Falling Run hollow
 - vi. Motor Pool woodlot
 - vii. Organic Farm
 - viii. Van Voorhis woodlot
7. All hunters, prior to receiving a permit authorizing him or her to participate in the hunt, must agree to hold harmless the City of Morgantown, City of Morgantown employees and officials, and the owner of the realty upon which they will be hunting from any and all claims for personal injury, death, or property damage arising as a result of the hunter participating in the hunt.
 8. No person, without first receiving written permission from the City Manager or his designee, may accompany a hunter while he or she is participating in this hunt.
 9. Permits must be on a hunter at all times while hunting.
 10. Portable, ladder or climbing stands are required for all hunters except for those who are physically disabled and have been issued a valid Class Y hunting license by the State of West Virginia or for sites where a ground blind has been approved.
 11. Stalking deer on the ground is prohibited. This includes walking to and from designated hunting sites.
 12. Those hunting from an elevated tree stands must use a full-body safety harness while in the tree.
 13. The hunter's name and sequential numbers must be on all arrows used while hunting, i.e. J. Miller #1, J. Miller #2, J. Miller #3.
 14. Shots of 25 yards or more shall not be taken.
 15. A maximum of 7 deer can be taken by each hunter on their urban season tags (5 antlerless deer, 2 bucks). Additional deer can be taken on a hunter's regular West Virginia license providing they have the correct stamps for the corresponding seasons.
 16. In pursuance of the City of Morgantown's deer management goals and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources' regulations, an antlerless deer is required to be taken first. After that, 2 bucks can be taken as long as the second buck is preceded by an antlerless harvest.
 17. Two deer may be taken per day and can be checked-in at the same time. While two does or a buck and a doe can be taken in the same day, two bucks cannot be taken in the same day.

18. If a wounded deer leaves the boundary of the designated hunting area, the hunter shall not pursue the deer onto another's realty without first obtaining the permission of the owner of the realty upon which the hunter wishes to enter. The hunter shall not fire his/her bow once he/she leaves the designated hunt area assigned to him or her. If the wounded deer is located, while alive, on another's property, the hunter must contact the Morgantown Police Department at (304) 284-7522. The hunter shall identify himself/herself as a participant in the Morgantown Urban Deer Archery Hunt, and request assistance from the Police Department in retrieving the deer.
19. If a property owner does not give the hunter permission to enter his or her property to search for a wounded deer, the hunter shall inform the property owner that he or she can call (304) 284-7522 to have the deer removed from his or her property.
20. Under no situation will entrails be left on any property. A carcass is to be removed in its entirety or have entrails placed in plastic bags, removed from the property and properly discarded.
21. All deer must be checked-in and registered by completing the following two-step process:

- 1. Using West Virginia DNR's electronic check-in system by either calling 1-844-WVCheck or by logging into your account at <https://wvhunt.com/>.**
- 2. Once the deer is checked-in, hunters must report their harvest(s) to Paul Crumrine by phone or text at (304) 216-3040. This is mandatory for internal record-keeping.**

22. Hunters shall be required to comply with any additional restrictions set by the hunting realty owner which do not conflict with the City Manager's Rules, the Morgantown City Code, the general statutory laws of the State of West Virginia, and the Rules and Regulations of the West Virginia DNR.
23. Failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in a hunter's removal from participating in the City of Morgantown's archery hunt.
24. Before being issued a permit to participate in the hunt, all selected hunters must agree in writing to the foregoing rules.