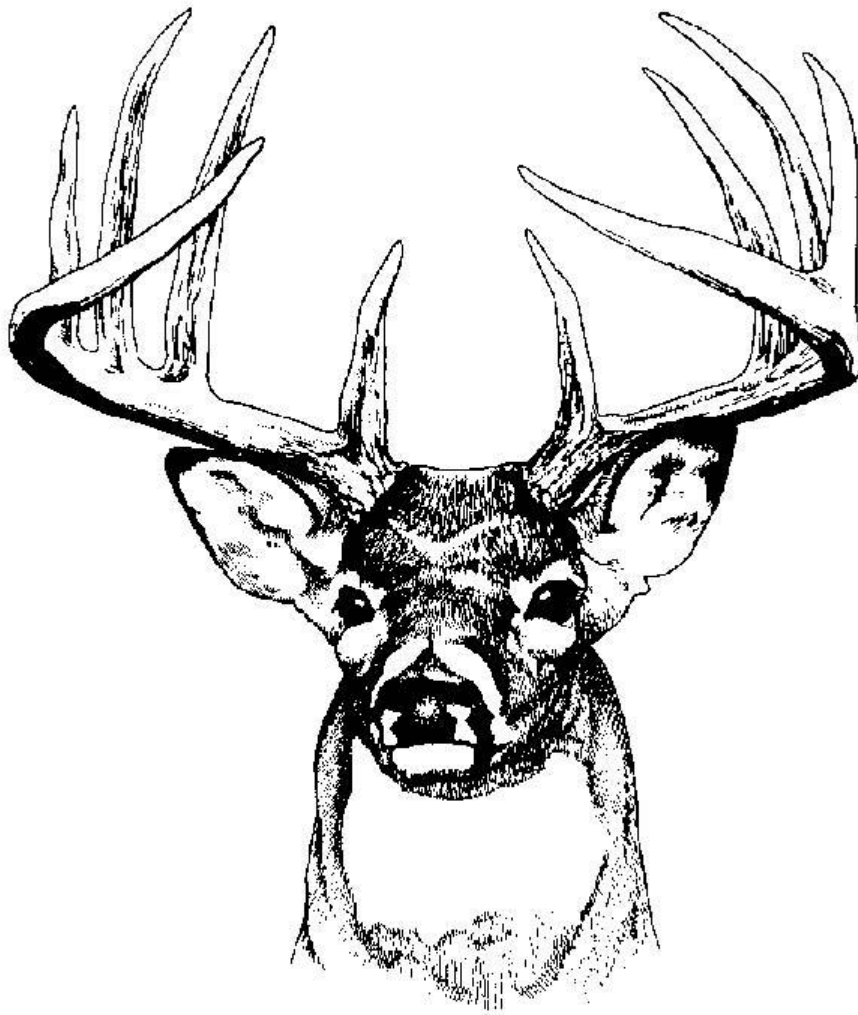




# City of Green Bay Deer Management Program Information & Regulations



**This pamphlet provides a summary of the City of Green Bay'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 Green Bay 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 Green Bay. 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 Green Bay's Deer Management Program is designed to manage the overall deer population within Green Bay City Limits. The City of Green Bay Common Council has created policies, rules and regulations that allow for archery hunting on City of Green Bay properties in approved areas, as designated and delineated by Deer Program Managers, specifically for the purpose of managing the white-tailed deer population. The City of Green Bay Common Council, Deer Program Managers, 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 Green Bay 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 Deer Management Program Administration. The Deer Management Program Administration will determine the duration of any suspension after a review of the circumstances and severity of the violation. Even if you are found not guilty in a court of law, hunting privileges within the City of Green Bay Deer Management Program may, or may not, be reinstated depending upon the final decision of the Deer Management Program Administration.

The City of Green Bay 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. Many of the areas utilized in the Deer Management Program are also open to other user groups at the same time so safety is of utmost importance. The purpose of this deer management program is not to serve as a recreational hunt. 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 Green Bay Deer Management Program. **Application to the program is mandatory on an annual basis to remain in the program.** 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 at their expense.
5. Have no hunting related violations on their record.

6. Must possess archery equipment that meets minimum requirements outlined within the state hunting regulations
7. Must successfully complete and provide proof of archery proficiency at their expense

### **Additional Minimum Participant Requirements:**

City of Green Bay 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 Green Bay Deer Management Program.
2. Must be willing to hunt a minimum of 18 hours or equivalent each season; or harvest at least one antlerless deer per season.
3. Must harvest at least one antlerless deer every 2 years or be dropped from the program (minimum antlerless harvest number may be adjusted based on future program needs)
4. Must develop a running average of antlered buck to antlerless deer accountable every three years that may not exceed a 1:1 ratio of antlered buck to antlerless deer.
5. Maintain an accurate hunting log book
6. Carry your authorization form, carcass tag, and proof of a valid archery license on your person whenever executing any activity related to the program.
7. Participants in the program must possess the appropriate valid hunting license and display the City-issued authorization letter at all times while hunting.

### **Application Dates:**

Resident Application Period (City of Green Bay residents only): December 18<sup>th</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup>.

General Application Period: January 1<sup>st</sup>-January 31<sup>st</sup>.

All application materials must be submitted to the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary by 4:00PM on application deadlines.

### **Program Fees:**

All fees associated with satisfying the application requirements of this program are the responsibility of the applicant. Failure to satisfy all of the application requirements will result in denial of the application. No exceptions will be made.

### **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 within the program as long as they meet the annual application requirements and satisfy the performance guidelines of the program. Additional participants may be added to the program as individuals leave the program or new management locations are designated.

Participant selection to fill vacant, designated management locations will be determined by the following methods:

1. Preference will be given to City of Green Bay residents who apply early. There will be a 2 week Resident Application Period open ONLY to City of Green Bay residents prior to a broader application period for residents and non-residents alike. City of Green Bay residents that submit all necessary application materials BEFORE the early application deadline will be considered first for inclusion within the City of Green Bay Deer Management program.
2. Once the 2 week Resident Application Period deadline has passed, the application process will be open to both residents and non-residents alike for a period of 1 month, and participant selection will be based on a

first come, first served basis until designated management locations are filled. Depending on the number of applicants who apply, Deer Program Administration 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. Therefore, at least one year of participant management data may be required before a formal participant selection lottery system is designed and implemented.

### **Authorizations & Permits:**

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

### **Tag & Permits:**

The City of Green Bay Deer Management Program operates under special Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources permits. The program is designed to manage deer populations and is not to serve as a recreational hunt. Authorized program participants will be issued special management tags by a Deer Program Manager. All tags & permits must be picked up by no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> for fall seasons and March 1<sup>st</sup> for spring seasons.

The program is an Earn-a-Buck program, and requires participants to harvest an antlerless deer prior to harvesting an antlered buck.

The Earn-a-Buck option will only be available during the fall management season. Antlerless deer harvested in Spring Season will apply towards the Earn-a-Buck program during the Fall Season, meaning the program participant would begin the Fall Season with a Buck Authorization stamp enabling them to shoot antlerless or antlered deer.

**Fall Earn-a-Buck:** A buck which was lawfully killed within the City of Green Bay Deer Management Program and tagged with a free management tag issued by the City, and not a person's regular DNR license. Earn-a-Bucks may only be harvested in the following manner:

1. Registering a legally harvested antlerless deer within the City of Green Bay Deer Management Program and receiving a Buck Authorization stamp to be used to validate a herd management tag for a buck.

For each antlerless deer legally harvested, and registered, the program participant who harvested the antlerless deer will be issued an additional harvest tag along with a Buck Authorization stamp. Harvest tag and Buck Authorization availability will be determined by Deer Program Administration.

Buck Authorizations must be used by the program participant to whom they were issued. There is no group hunting allowed in the City of Green Bay Deer Management Program.

### **Hunter Education Requirements:**

All participants within the City of Green Bay 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:**

Each program participant may place up to two gallons of bait for each designated location they are authorized to hunt. Bait may be spread out or divided into more than one pile so long as the total amount of bait or feed at a particular location does not exceed the two gallon maximum.

### **Trail Cameras**

The use of trail cameras is permissible in the City of Green Bay 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 offseason. They must not damage any vegetation. The City of Green Bay 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 Green Bay 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 the Wildlife Sanctuary, Paul's Pantry, or 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 Deer Program Managers for which the authorization was issued. The City of Green Bay Deer Management Program will not exceed a rate of one hunter per 3 acres of huntable land. Huntable land is defined as a land area having one owner and having no less than 3 contiguous acres of land suitable for hunting. Suitability for hunting is determined by a number of factors including wooded cover, topography, and proximity to other habitat types. Exceptions to this rule will be determined on a case basis by Deer Program Administrators. Private property is not a part of the City of Green Bay Deer Management Program.

## **Tree Stands:**

All program participants must hunt from an elevated tree stand placed a minimum of 12 feet above the base of the tree in which the stand is placed. 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 daily.**
3. Must hunt a minimum of 100 yards from designated trails, roads, parking areas, public use areas, and any private property unless authorized by Deer Program Administrators
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 daily. No outside vegetation may be brought in.

## **Clothing Requirements:**

Blaze orange clothing requirements are waived while hunting within the City of Green Bay Deer Management Program, during open firearm seasons. This only applies to hunters who are hunting with a nuisance management carcass tag and not to those hunters who are using a state issued regular carcass tag. If a hunter is in possession of a state issued regular deer carcass tag while hunting in the City of Green Bay Management hunt they must adhere to the blaze orange requirements. The blaze orange requirement is waived because there is a firearm ordinance in the city limits that does not allow the use of firearms to harvest wild game. With this city ordinance in place the Wisconsin DNR can issue a waiver to exempt hunters in this City of Green Bay Deer Management program from wearing blaze orange during anytime of this program.

## **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.

## **Hunter Log Book:**

All program participants are required to maintain an accurate log book of their hunting activity within the program. Deer Program Managers may request to see your log book at any time. All program participant log books should contain the following information:

1. Log of time spent in the field including dates and times of day
2. Account for all arrows or bolts discharged, including the circumstances of missing or unrecovered arrows or bolts.
3. Detail animals harvested, including time of harvest
4. Accurate records of the number of deer seen every time hunting

## **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 the City of Green Bay Deer Management Program carcass tag, authorization form, and proof of a valid State of Wisconsin Archery license while hunting in the City of Green Bay 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.

## **Deer Registration:**

You must register **ALL** deer harvested through the City of Green Bay Deer Management Program with the State of Wisconsin DNR's automated system by 5:00pm of the following day. There is no need to bring the deer carcass to the Wildlife Sanctuary for registration. All registered deer receive a State of Wisconsin DNR issued confirmation number which will be used to receive your new tag from the City of Green Bay Deer Management program administrator. New tags will be available by appointment during the Program Administrator's normal business hours, **Monday thru Saturday 8:00am - 4:00pm, contact Matt or Austin to make an appointment.**

Beginning in 2020, all deer harvested through the GBDMP will be required to be tested for CWD. Specific details and guidance will be provided to participating hunters when they receive their authorization materials.



## **Violations:**

Any suspected program violations should be reported to the Deer Program Administrator within 10 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 Green Bay Deer Management Program are expected to follow the code of conduct outlined below:

### **Respect the Environment & Wildlife**

- Show respect for the wildlife you hunt by taking only clean, killing shots, then retrieving and properly handling your game.
  
- 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.
  
- Report illegal activities immediately.

### **Respect Property and Landowners.**

- Always get permission to enter private land.
  
- 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.
  
- Alert Deer Program administrator 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 Green Bay, 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 Green Bay Deer Management Program Administrators reserve the right to issue a rules exemption to individuals involved in the City of Green Bay 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.

I have read and understand the requirements of the City of Green Bay Deer Management Program. I agree to comply with all rules and regulations associated with this authorization including all city ordinances and permit requirements. I acknowledge that failure to comply with any of these rules and regulations will result in the immediate revocation of my authorization and future participation in this program. I agree to indemnify and hold-harmless the City of Green Bay, its agents or employees from and against all claims, suits, damages, losses and expenses in any manner resulting from, or arising out of, or in connection with hunting in the City of Green Bay.

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*Participant's Name (Please Print)*

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*Date Signed*

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*Participant's Signature*