

How have recent law changes affected turkey tags?

- Turkey tags have been updated and are now referred to as turkey harvest authorizations.
- Hunters are no longer required to validate their turkey tag.
- Hunters are no longer required to attach a tag to their turkey.
- Hunters are no longer required to keep the tag with the meat.
- Hunters are still required to carry proof of harvests authorization by one of the following; printed paper harvest authorization, Go Wild card, a Go Wild authenticated Wisconsin Driver's License or an original Go Wild digital file on mobile device.

I already printed my turkey tags. Can I continue to use them?

Yes. All turkey tags that have been previously issued are valid and can be used for registration. The tag number will stay the same for originals or reprints of your tags. If you purchase a new tag, it will be referred to as a harvest authorization and will look slightly different (see graphic on last page).

How does a hunter know what they can legally harvest?

Hunters still have the option of printing and carrying a copy of their harvest authorizations. However, because harvest authorizations are stored in the hunter's Go Wild account, they can be kept track of electronically. Each authorization, whether in hard copy or electronic format, continues to contain a unique number used for registration, now referred to as the harvest authorization number (previously referred to as tag number).

Do I still have to carry proof of the harvest authorization while hunting?

Yes. You are required to carry proof of your turkey license, stamp and harvest authorization while afield. Acceptable forms of proof include a printed paper harvest authorization, a Go Wild conservation card, a Go Wild authenticated Wisconsin driver's license or an original GOWild digital file displayed on a mobile device.

Hunters will need to know the tag number to begin the registration process, which will not be visible if you opt to carry your authenticated Wisconsin driver's license or a Conservation Card. You can obtain the tag number from the paper tag, the Go Wild PDF file or from the MyGameReg section of your Go Wild account at GoWild.WI.Gov

Is registration still required?

Yes. Registration is mandatory. You must register your turkey by 5 p.m. the day after recovery through GameReg, online at gamereg.wi.gov, or by phone at 1-844-426-3734. Harvest registration is a critical component of turkey population management. No in-person registration is available for turkeys.

How do I register my turkey?

Register online at gamereg.wi.gov, or by phone at 1-844-426-3734. No in-person registration is available for turkeys. See the [Turkey Harvest Registration](#) webpage for more information.

You will need the following information to register your turkey:

- Harvest authorization number (formerly known as tag number)
- Harvest date and time
- Harvest location (county and turkey management zone)

- Age (adult or juvenile) and sex (gobbler or hen) of your turkey. Use the [Aging and Sexing Eastern Wild Turkeys \[PDF\]](#) or the [Small Game Hunting Regulations \[PDF\]](#) to determine the age and sex of your turkey.

Where is my harvest authorization number to register my turkey?

Your harvest authorization number was formerly referred to as a carcass tag. It is displayed 10 digit # displayed in the center of your harvest authorization. If you elect to carry your authenticated Wisconsin driver's license or a Conservation Card as form of proof while afield, you will need to obtain your harvest authorization number to register your turkey. You can obtain the harvest authorization number from a paper print out, the Go Wild PDF file or from the MyGameReg section of your Go Wild account at gowild.wi.gov.

For registration purposes you may document your unique harvest authorization number via any method you choose. If you have more than one authorization, you must be able to identify which number corresponds to which unique harvest authorization, such as if you have an authorization for Zone 1 and a second harvest authorization for Zone 2. For the 2017 fall turkey season, if you previously printed a fall turkey tag, you may utilize the tag number in lieu of a harvest authorization number to register your turkey. See the tag graphic on the last page.

What should I do if I don't have my tag/harvest authorization number with me when registering?

Hunters are required to meet their registration requirements and have their unique tag/harvest authorization number available to complete the registration process. If you do not have access to a computer or mobile device to look up your tag/harvest authorization number, you are encouraged to carry a printed copy of your turkey harvest authorization. You can look up your tag/harvest authorization number in the My GameReg section of your Go Wild account at gowild.wi.gov. As a reminder, you have until 5 p.m. the day after recovery to register your turkey.

Am I still required to carry only one copy of my harvest authorization while afield?

No. Because you are no longer required to validate a paper carcass tag, you may carry more than one copy of your turkey harvest authorization while hunting.

Am I required to validate my tag upon harvesting a turkey, or attach the tag to the carcass?

No. Validation of a paper carcass tag is no longer required, and you are no longer required to attach a tag to the turkey.

Do I have to keep the harvest authorization with the meat until consumed?

No. Since hard copies of harvest authorizations are no longer required to be attached to the turkey, you also no longer need to keep them with the meat. However, you must be able to show proof of the harvest authorization if requested.

Do I have to record my registration confirmation number?

A registration confirmation number is provided for your records, upon successfully registering your harvest. Writing down the registration confirmation number is not required, but meat processors may require it.

Can I leave my untagged turkey with a friend or allow someone else to transport it?

Yes. You are strongly encouraged to leave a printed copy of the tag/harvest authorization and registration confirmation number with the carcass if someone else will take possession of it.

Since tagging is no longer required, what should I do if I leave my turkey?

No special action is required. As long as the turkey is harvested under one of your unused tags/harvest authorizations, you can leave the carcass in the field temporarily without attaching a tag or registering the turkey.

Do I have to provide a tag if I gift the meat to someone else?

No. However, you are encouraged to write down the registration confirmation number if gifting the meat, and are required to provide the registration confirmation number if donating the meat through the turkey donation program.

Can I use alternate forms of proof (Conservation Card, driver's license, electronic file) for agricultural damage harvest authorizations or Learn to Hunt harvest authorizations?

No. A hard copy of your harvest authorization (formerly known as "tag") is still required for these programs. These are special harvest authorizations associated with specific programs and are not necessarily issued through the hunter's Go Wild account. You are not required to validate or attach your harvest authorization. Registration of harvests through GameReg is still required.

If paper authorizations are no longer required, how will a biologist or warden verify that I have a valid harvest authorization for my turkey?

DNR personnel can look up your turkey harvest authorization in your Go Wild account using your customer ID number.

Will the electronic regulations be updated with these changes?

Yes. Wildlife Management has completed the changes to the online electronic regulations.

Where can I find more information?

Visit dnr.wi.gov and search "[hunting regulations](#)" or "[turkey](#)."

2017 Carcass Tag (old)



Department of Natural Resources
Awarded Fall Turkey Tag

Agent # 1355 Issued: 8/18/2017 8:55 PM

JOHN TEST
Customer # 433870763
Year of Birth: 1946
S: M H: 5' 9" W: 175 H: BRO E: BLU

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Tag # 1700554881

Valid only in the following unit(s):
Zone 6
Time Period: 2017 Fall Turkey Season

Immediately upon killing a turkey, validate this tag by completely removing the validation stub, by cutting along the dotted line.

You may not leave the carcass unless this validated tag is attached to it. This tag must remain legible; consider protecting with a plastic bag. Retain this tag until the meat is consumed. Registration is required by 5 pm the day after recovery and is critical to sound wildlife management.

Register your harvest at gamereg.wi.gov or call 844-GAME-REG (1-844-426-3734).

Rules and regulations are available online at GoWild.WI.Gov

Validation Stub 1700554881

Upon harvest remove this portion to validate the tag.

Please do not litter.

NEW Harvest Authorization



Department of Natural Resources
Awarded Fall Turkey
Harvest Authorization

Agent # 1355 Issued: 9/26/2017 1:57 PM

CUSTOMER TEST
Customer # 729086322
Year of Birth: 1975
S: M H: 6' 0" W: 200 H: BRO E: GRN

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**Harvest Authorization #
1700559314**

Valid only in the following unit(s):
Zone 1
Time Period: 2017 Fall Turkey Season

Registration is required by 5 pm the day after recovery and is critical to sound wildlife management.

Register your harvest at gamereg.wi.gov or call 844-GAME-REG (1-844-426-3734).

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