

## Deer Hunt 2017 - What's New?

### Important Changes to Tagging:

- Validation and tagging is no longer required, but hunters must still carry proof of a hunting license and deer tags. Keep in mind that even with electronic forms of proof of deer tags available, hunters will need the unique tag number to begin the harvest registration process.
- The following forms of proof of a deer hunting license and deer tags are accepted:
  - a paper copy;
  - an authenticated Wisconsin driver's license\*;
  - a DNR-issued Go Wild Conservation Card; or
  - a digital tag image displayed on an electronic device.
  - Paper copies of licenses and tags may be obtained at no charge if printed at home or obtained at DNR service centers. There is a \$2 convenience fee for reprints obtained at license agents.
- Paper carcass tags: though no longer required, paper tags already issued are still valid and contain the deer tag number, which is required when registering a deer.
- The requirement to register deer by 5 p.m. the day after recovery has not changed. Hunters must use the unique deer tag number to register their harvest. Hunters may retrieve a list of their deer tag numbers in their My GameReg section of their Go Wild account.

### Other Changes:

- North of Highway 64, ground blinds and tree stands may be left out overnight on DNR-managed lands; see requirements on page 34 or visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search "hunting regulations".
- The antlerless-only Holiday Hunt will be held in select DMUs from Dec. 24 - Jan. 1, 2018. See page 9 of the regulations for more information.
- Baiting and feeding bans have been lifted from 15 counties and will stay in place for 28 counties.
  - Baiting and feeding bans are lifted from the following counties for the 2017 season: Barron, Burnett, Calumet, Clark, Dodge, Jackson, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Polk, Racine, Sheboygan, Washburn, Washington and Waushara.
- Oconto County is now closed to baiting and feeding deer.
- View baiting and feeding regulations here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/bait.html>

*\* To authenticate a Wisconsin driver's license, the hunter must present it to license agent or enter number for online purchases. The hunter should check purchase receipt for confirmation that their Wisconsin driver's license is authenticated and the hunter is authorized to use his/her driver's license as proof of holding the required license, stamp or hunter safety certificate.*