

ATTENTION TURKEY HUNTERS

THE REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF CARCASS TAGS HAVE CHANGED:

Turkey tags have been updated and are now called **turkey harvest authorizations**.

Hunters are no longer required to:

- Validate their turkey tag;
- Attach a tag to their turkey; or
- Keep the tag with the meat.

Hunters are still required to:

- Carry [proof](#) of their harvest authorization while hunting;
- Register their harvest by 5pm the next day; and
- Have their harvest authorization number to register their turkey.

What do I have to have with me while hunting?

Hunters must carry proof of their turkey license, stamp and harvest authorization while afield. Valid forms of proof include a printed paper harvest authorization, a Go Wild conservation card, a Go Wild authenticated Wisconsin driver's license or a Go Wild digital file displayed on a mobile device.

Is turkey registration still required?

Yes, registration is mandatory. You must register your turkey by 5 p.m. the day after recovery at gamereg.wi.gov, or by phone at 1-844-426-3734. Harvest registration is a critical component of turkey population management.

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. 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 and sex 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 needed for registration?

Your harvest authorization number (formerly known as tag number) can be found on a printed paper copy of your harvest authorization, a Go Wild digital file, or from the MyGameReg section of your Go Wild account at gowild.wi.gov. It will not be visible from your driver's license or a conservation card.

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

Hunters are required to meet their registration requirements and have their unique 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 harvest authorization number, you should carry a printed copy of your turkey harvest authorization. You have until 5 p.m. the day after recovery to register your turkey.

Do I have to record my registration confirmation number?

After registering your harvest, a registration confirmation number is provided for your records.

How do I know what I can legally harvest? How does a warden or biologist know?

The information on what you are authorized to harvest can be found on a paper print out, a Go Wild digital file, or from your Go Wild account. DNR personnel can look up your harvest authorization using your customer ID number, your conservation card, or an authenticated driver's license.

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

No, you are not required to validate a carcass tag or attach a tag to the turkey.

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

No, you are not required to keep a tag with the meat, but you must provide a [valid copy](#) upon request.

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

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

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

Yes, but you are strongly encouraged to leave a printed copy of the tag/harvest authorization and registration confirmation number with the carcass.

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

No special action is required. If the turkey is harvested under one of your unused tags/harvest authorizations, you can leave the carcass in the field 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.

Can I use my Conservation Card, driver's license, or an electronic file as proof for my agricultural damage or Learn to Hunt harvest authorizations?

No. A hard copy of your harvest authorization is still required for these programs. You are not required to validate or attach your harvest authorization. Registration of harvests through [GameReg](#) is still required.

Are the regulations be updated with these changes?

Yes. The [online electronic regulations](#) have the most up to date information and should be used rather than the paper copies available.

Where can I find more information?

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