

Readington Township
Deer Management Program
Permit Application
(Bow Hunting)

2019-2020 Season

Application Deadline:

Wednesday June 12, 2019 by 4:30 pm

No applications will be accepted after this time

Applicants must submit ***completed*** application to:

Township of Readington
Municipal Clerk's Office
509 Route 523
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

Deer Management Program Goals:

Manage white-tailed deer populations with Readington Township at socially acceptable levels that provide recreational and educational opportunities as well as provide opportunity for maintaining and preserving a healthy woodland habitat.

Property Descriptions:

Bow hunting will be permitted on specified Township-owned woodland parcels that offer an opportunity for safe hunting practices as well as excellent natural deer habitat. Permits will be issued at a ratio not greater than one (1) hunter per ten (10) acres. In this way, hunter per acre ratios will be managed so that optimal safety levels are maintained.

Rules and Regulations:

All State and local regulations pertaining to parks and to hunting apply, including specific season dates and bag limits for white-tailed deer as established or amended by the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife for management zones 8, 10, and 12. In addition, the following special rules apply:

1. Only Readington residents are able to participate in this program.
2. Only permitted hunters are allowed to participate in this program.
3. In order to obtain a permit, all prospective hunters are required to submit an application.
4. Only completed applications submitted in person by New Jersey licensed hunters who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, together with proof of \$1 million general liability insurance, who are not prohibited by law from possessing a firearm, have not been convicted of a felony, have no significant state or local background check violations within the past ten (10) years, and who submit a \$100 non-refundable fee, shall be eligible for a municipal deer management permit.
5. Applications and other pertinent information will be available in the Municipal Clerk's office of the Township Municipal Building at 509 Route 523 Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889, or may be downloaded from the Township's website.
6. The application deadline is **4:30 pm on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.**
7. Successful applicants will be notified by the Municipal Clerk's office.
8. Successful applicants are required to complete the Township's hunter safety and orientation presentation being held at 7pm in the Municipal Building Court Room on **Wednesday, July 17, 2019.** Do not submit an application if you cannot attend. No permit will be issued unless you complete this course.
9. Only one hunting permit, one parking permit per applicant, and signage will be issued.
10. Property permits will be issued by the Municipal Clerk via a random lottery. At the hunter safety and orientation course, each successful applicant will be given a consecutively numbered ticket with a detachable section bearing the same number as the ticket. Tickets will be drawn and the applicant with the matching ticket number will be able to select their property preference. This process will continue until all property permits have been issued.
11. Permits are non-transferable.

12. Hunters are only authorized to be on the property for which they have been issued a permit and are responsible for knowing where they are within the parcel property lines at all times.
13. Each hunter's permits must be prominently displayed on their vehicle dashboard whenever the hunter is on the property.
14. Motorized vehicles are restricted to public roads and designated parking areas.
15. Prior to any hunting activities taking place, permittees shall inspect and/or post hunting notice signs along the boundaries of the properties for which they have received a permit, and repair or replace the signs as necessary (boundary hunting notice signs will be provided by the Township).
16. Hunting permitted from elevated tree stands, which shall be a minimum of 10' in height. No permanent stands shall be constructed. Stands must have permit identification number visibly marked on the stand. Stands left in place shall be done so at the hunter's own risk, the Township will not be liable for loss or any damage to stands. All tree stands must be removed within fourteen (14) calendar days after the close of the hunting season. Only one (1) tree stand per permit holder may be left on the property during the hunting season. Ground blinds are prohibited except with written consent from the Township and Wildlife Advisory Subcommittee.
17. Target practice is strictly prohibited. Discharge of a crossbow prior to transporting is not considered target practice. A field target, such as the Rinehart RFT, is recommended to discharge crossbows.
18. Hunters shall not hunt or possess a nocked arrow within 150 feet of any building without possessing written permission from the owner or lessee. Firearm hunting and possession is strictly prohibited.
19. Hunting may begin one half hour before sunrise and must end one half hour after sunset. Access to the property is permitted up to 1 ½ hours before and after legal hunting hours to allow for set-up and/or tracking purposes.
20. Baiting is allowed.
21. Hunting is not permitted on Sundays or Christmas Day.
22. Only white-tailed deer may be hunted; the hunting, shooting, killing, pursuit or removal of any other wildlife is strictly prohibited.
23. The season harvest quota is two (2) antlerless deer per permit holder. Hunters are required to harvest a doe before shooting an antlered deer.
24. Readington Township will be responsible for payment to the vendor for all donations made to the Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) venison donation program up to \$100 per permit holder. Copies of all HHH receipts must be submitted to the harvest reporting system within 24 hours of harvest.
25. Hunters are required to take and submit a head-shot photo of all deer harvested on Township property, together with all appropriate harvest report details, including a NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife confirmation number, and be made within 24 hours to the program's online harvest reporting system or they will NOT count towards your quota.

26. Hunters will be evaluated based on their previous year's harvest numbers. Hunters that meet and/or exceed their minimum harvest quota will be given priority for the following season's property selection process. Hunters must reapply each year.
27. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while on the property is prohibited.
28. Littering is prohibited.
29. Hunting program issues should be submitted in writing to the Municipal Clerk, 509 Rt. 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889 with a copy to the Wildlife Advisory Subcommittee at the same address. Concerns regarding violations shall be reported to NJ Fish & Wildlife officers. Any issues involving local law shall be reported to the Readington Township Police Department. For emergencies please call 911. (Contact info is provided on back of permits).
30. Hunters shall provide proof of insurance with a minimum liability of \$1,000,000. A copy of a valid insurance card or policy must be submitted with the application. Hunters are responsible for providing current proof of insurance coverage for the entire season to the Municipal Clerk prior to hunting.
31. Several hunting parcels may contain restricted, or limited times/dates/and hunting areas that could change. Permitted hunters will be notified of these restrictions in advance.
32. The Township Committee reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding the permit process and permit recipients as deemed to be in the best interest of the Readington Township Deer Management Program.

Violations or Non-Compliance:

Violation or non-compliance of any Deer Management Program rule or regulation or any applicable State law or local regulation will result in the immediate loss of hunting privileges on the Township property, will subject the hunter to any applicable penalties, and will permanently remove the individual from future program participation including during the hunting season. Readington Township reserves the right to cancel the program or revoke program participation at any time for any reason in its sole discretion.

Appeal Process:

Appeals of any decisions of this Program shall be submitted in writing to the Municipal Clerk's office. The appeal shall consist of a plain, concise, and complete written statement on the grounds for the appeal. The appeal panel will consist of one (1) member appointed by the Township Committee, one (1) member of the Environmental Commission not serving on the Wildlife Advisory Subcommittee, and one (1) member of the Wildlife Advisory Subcommittee. Any decision of the appeal panel shall be made by majority vote. All decisions of appeal panel are final.



2019-2020 READINGTON TOWNSHIP DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

- Applications must be submitted, **in duplicate**, in a sealed envelope to the Municipal Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. by the applicant by June 12, 2019.
 - Permits will be issued through a random lottery system. Lottery and mandatory hunter orientation meeting will be held in the Township's Municipal Building on July 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
- A \$100 non-refundable check or money order made out to **Readington Township** must be submitted with each application along with a copy of the following documents:
 - Driver's License
 - Current (and valid) hunting license
 - Proof of liability insurance (minimum of \$1 million coverage)

The Municipal Clerk will open submittals within five (5) days and forward all applications to the Wildlife Management sub-committee for review and/or processing.

Note: When submitting your application to the Township of Readington, detach and retain the instruction form pertaining to dates, the rules and regulations page, and the Township maps of the hunting properties.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Will you be 18 years or older on or before the first day of Fall Bow? YES NO

Vehicle Information

Year: _____

Make: _____

Model: _____

Color: _____

License Plate #: _____

Liability Information

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Have you ever possessed a Readington Township Deer Management Permit: YES NO

Conservation Identification Number (CID#) _____

2019 NJ Bow & Arrow Resident License #: _____

2020 NJ All-Around Sportsman License #: _____

The Township of Readington, Readington Township Deer Management Advisory Committee et. al., shall be held harmless from all suits, judgments, costs, fees, and liabilities arising out of or related to the hunting activities of the hunters. If your insurance policy expires once the hunting season starts and you want to continue hunting, you must provide an updated policy to the Township of Readington. Your issued permit is not valid without valid insurance.

KNOWINGLY OR PURPOSELY PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION FORM SHALL BE CAUSE FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE DENIED AND/OR PERMIT REVOKED.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FOR 2019/2020 SEASON

Name	Block/Lot	Acres
East Whitehouse	13/54,34.01	31
US Highway 22 -West of Rockaway Creek	21/30	60
County 523 Rockaway	9 / 1	38
Summer Road	75/15.01, 16.02	33
Total:		162

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON CONSENT FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

I hereby authorize the Readington Township Police Department and/or the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife to conduct a background and hunting license check for the purpose of determining if I been convicted of a felony, other significant state or local violations, or violated the NJ fish and Wildlife Code within the past ten (10) years.

LEGAL NAME: (print) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NJ CONSERVATION ID#: _____

DRIVER LICENSE #:: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

I certify that I will be 18 years or older on or before the first day of Fall Bow.

Signature of Applicant