

City of Newark, Ohio
Urban Deer Hunting Program
REGULATIONS
2023-2024 Season

All approved hunters have permission to hunt deer within Newark city limits: **September 30th, 2023 through February 4th, 2024** provided the rules and Regulations below are followed. This hunting permission may be revoked at any time without cause on the order of the Mayor, Chief of Police, or their designees. These rules and regulations apply to all hunters and property owners within the city limits of Newark, even while hunting on your own property.

Proficiency Test:

1. Hunters must pass an authorized archery proficiency test each year with the weapon they will use to hunt in the City of Newark. The tests will only allow for a maximum of two attempts each year to successfully complete the test. **Shots will be unassisted from a standing position.**
2. The test will consist of 6 consecutive shots into a six (6) inch circle: From a distance of 20 yards. The hunter must score a 100%. Similar proficiency testing from other cities may be accepted at the discretion of the Police Department Hunt Coordinator. These proficiency tests must have been completed within one year of this current hunting season or you must also show proficiency with the City of Newark. **Reminder, all hunters who participated last year must pass a proficiency test each season.**

The Make/Model of the archery equipment used will be documented, including type of arrows used.

3. Pro-Formance Archery, 2984 Mt. Vernon Rd (St Rt. 13) will administer the proficiency test. The cost will be applicable range fees, paid to Broken Arrow Archery at the time of the test. Participants are welcomed and encouraged to remain after the test as the range fee is charged per hour. Please contact them for hours of operation and open range times so as not to conflict with any scheduled events at the business. The employees of Broken Arrow Archery who administer the proficiency test will have the final say as to your proficiency. Other proficiency options may be set up prior to the hunting season at the discretion of the City of Newark.

4. If you change to a different style or brand of bow during the season, you must re-qualify with the new bow before resuming hunting. Changing arrows, broadheads, or any other minor equipment changes do not require a requalification.

Regulations:

1. All hunters are required to have all necessary licenses from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
 - a) Prior to final application approval, hunters must possess a valid 2023-2024 hunting license and at least ONE valid deer permit.
2. All hunting laws of the State of Ohio must be followed.
3. Preference will be given to Hunters who work or reside within the geographical limits of the City of Newark.
4. Applicants can have no previous wildlife violations of any kind.
5. Hunters must be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age to apply and participate in the lottery for city owned and controlled properties. Hunters 14 (fourteen) years of age and older may hunt on private properties throughout the city, while accompanied by a non-hunting adult. The non-hunting adult must be with the youth hunter at all times while hunting. Youth hunters must possess a valid State of Ohio hunting license and applicable deer permits unless exempted while hunting on their own property. All youth hunters must have previously passed the State of Ohio Hunter & Trapper Education Course and attach proof at time of application.
6. All hunters must comply with requests/directives given by city personnel while bowhunting on city or county property.
7. All hunters must surrender their name and hunter identification number to any city, state or county personnel upon request.
8. Only bow hunting (long bow or cross bow) will be permitted. State of Ohio requirements for minimum/maximum draw weight will be utilized.
9. When bowhunting within the city limits during the following dates, hunter orange must be worn in accordance with State game laws.

Youth deer gun: Nov 18th-Nov 19th

Deer gun: Nov 27th- Dec 3rd

Deer gun: Dec 16th- Dec 17th

Deer muzzleloader: Jan 6th- Jan 9th

10. No hunting within 200 feet of pedestrian/bicycle paths.
11. When within 200 feet of a residence or occupied structure, shots **must not** be taken in the direction of the residence or structure.
12. **Hunters must harvest 1 (One) antlerless deer, within the city limits of Newark, before they can receive authorization to harvest an antlered deer.** Requirements for antlered and antlerless deer are located in the State of Ohio hunting rules and regulations. "Accidental" antlered deer kills out of sequence will result in the immediate revocation of the hunters permit and subject the hunter to possible criminal prosecution and other state sanctions and penalties.
13. Trail cameras or any other type of photographic equipment for the purpose of patterning of deer are authorized only while hunting on private property and only with permission of the property owner.
14. Bait may be used under the following conditions:
 - Bait sites cannot be permanent
 - Bait sites may not be more than 3ft x 3ft in total area
 - Automatic/timed feeders are authorized only while hunting on private property and only with permission of the property owner. These may only be utilized during the hunting season and are prohibited outside of those dates. Automatic Feeders may not be located within 200 feet of a street or roadway.
 - The bait material may be of any natural food type found regionally
 - The volume of bait on the ground at any hunting site cannot exceed two gallonsThe purpose of a bait site is not to supplement the animal's diet, their purpose is to increase accuracy, to prevent the wounding of animals and increase the harvest rate.
15. Any deer taken within Newark's city limits **MUST** be properly tagged and immediately transported to the Newark Police Department to be checked for count and gender verification prior to any additional State mandated checking procedures.
16. Harvesting of albino or piebald deer is prohibited.
17. Approved hunters will be assigned a number; this number must be present and visible on all arrows used for bowhunting within the City limits of Newark.
18. No parts or remains of harvested deer shall be left uncovered in the field

19. If an arrow is lost or if a deer is injured and unclaimed, please contact Officer Lake 740-334-0013 or Officer Cortez 740-755-6335 immediately to report the incident.

Hunters found in violation of any of these rules will be subject to having their permission revoked. Also hunters violating the terms of the program may be subjected to criminal prosecution. Any violation of the program rules and regulations will be a violation of hunting within the city limits of Newark 618.20, a first degree misdemeanor. Additional state sanctions and penalties may also apply.

20. Tree Stands

- a. All shots must be made from an elevated stand/position toward a deer that is not more than 60yds from the hunter's location.
- b. Elevated stands must be at least Ten (10) feet off the ground.
- c. The elevated stands must be portable with no permanent stands erected.
- d. There can be no screw in steps, with no nails or lag screws driven into trees.
- e. Tree stands can be erected no sooner than one week prior to local season and must be removed no longer than one week after.
- f. Safety restraint systems must be used at all times.
- g. To prevent theft and assist in recovery, all measures to properly mark and identify your hunting equipment should be taken.

Tree Stand Exemption: Due to the amount of theft of hunting equipment in hunting zones 1-4, ground style hunting blinds may be utilized at the hunter's discretion. Ground blinds must be transported into and out of the hunting zones each day. Hunting blinds must be marked with hunter orange of some type. (Nearly all commercial blinds are equipped with hunter orange tabs, if your blind is not equipped with them, hunter orange must be added to make it visible)

The use of ground blinds are prohibited in all other areas of the city.