



City of Newark, Ohio
Division of Police ...to serve and protect



URBAN DEER HUNTING PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HUNTERS

- 1) Complete and sign application (Make sure it is legible and all applicable spaces and boxes are completed)
- 2) Complete Proficiency Test at Pro-Formance Archery
- 3) Sign Hold Harmless Agreement (Must be Notarized)
- 4) Attach photocopies of Valid Hunting License and Valid Deer Permit
(Landowners while hunting on their property are exempt from this in accordance with State Law)

All hunters wishing to be part of the lottery to hunt on city owned and controlled property must have their applications completed and returned to the Newark Police Department by **4:00pm on September 11, 2026** to be considered. Any applications turned in after that date will not be considered for the lottery. You may submit your application after that date for the possibility of being assigned to a property (subject to availability) or if you already have permission to hunt a private property within the City limits.

Reminder, all properties **MUST** be properly registered with the City of Newark and approved prior to hunting on them. It is the responsibility of the hunter to ensure the property they are hunting on has been properly registered and approved for hunting.

A hunters meeting to discuss the regulations and answer questions in reference to hunting the city owned properties will be held on **Wednesday, September 16th at 6pm**. The results of the lottery draw will be posted at that time.

Please return all packets with paperwork in a fold with your hunter number if you have already been assigned one. Only turn in information that we need not the pages with rules and regulations that are for the hunter.



Application Checklist

- _____ Complete and sign Application and lottery choices (if you plan on entering the lottery for the city controlled properties)
- _____ Sign Hold Harmless Agreement (The clerks at the Police Station can notarize this for you if you sign it in their presence during business hours.)
- _____ Attach Original Completed Proficiency Target from Broken Arrow Archery (targets from other places will not be accepted)
- _____ Photocopy of 2026-2027 Hunting License and one valid deer permit. (Our records personnel **will not** do this for you, please have it done prior to submitting your application.)
- _____ Detach Regulations from Application and keep for your records
- _____ If you are hunting on private property within the city ensure the property owner has completed the Property Registration Application. If you list that you are hunting a property but it is not registered, your application will not be processed until the property is registered and approved for hunting and a meeting is set at the property with hunting coordinator.



2026-2027 Urban Deer Hunting Lottery

This season we will be having a lottery draw for the city owned/controlled hunting zones. Preference for first choice of hunting zones and week(s) will be given to hunters who have participated in the program previously. This will be for Zones 2 through Zone 6. The season has been broken up into three-week increments. Please submit your choices for which three-week period you would prefer to hunt and in which zone. We will make every attempt to accommodate one of your first choices but a time slot and zone may be chosen for you at random if your chosen slots are full. Your choices must be submitted with your application. Additional slots will be chosen from those present at the annual hunter meeting on September 16th. Due to the size of the zones, three hunters per 3-week period will be assigned to each zone, except for Zone #5 and Zone #6 which will still have the single hunter exemption.

Below is the list of weeks:

Sept 26th - Oct 10th
Oct 11th - Oct 25th
Oct 26th - Nov 9th
Nov 10th - Nov 24th
Nov 25th - Dec 9th
Dec 10th - Dec 24th
Dec 25th - Jan 8th
Jan 9th - Jan 23rd
Jan 24th - Feb 7th

Below are the zones and descriptions if you are unfamiliar with them:

Zone #2: 76 Acres, eastward from the edge of Zone #1 to the tree line west of the Waste Water Treatment Plant on Ecology Row, north of the Licking River and south of the railroad tracks

Zone #3: 140 Acres, eastward from the tree line at the edge of Zone #2, to the tree line east of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, north of the Licking River and south of the railroad tracks

Zone #4: 78 Acres, eastward from the tree line east of the Waste Water Plant to the edge of the City Limits of Newark, north of the Licking River and south of the railroad tracks.

Zone #5: Is roughly 25 acres located northeast of NASA soccer fields along the bike bath. Please refer to hunter map.

Zone #6: 10 Acres, Southeast corner of Buena Vista Street and Manning Street. Property is on the backside of the Cedar Hill Cemetery.

1st Choice: Week _____ Zone _____
2nd Choice: Week _____ Zone _____
3rd Choice: Week _____ Zone _____

Please submit your choices with your completed application.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Lake and Officer Cortez
Newark Division of Police
39 South 4th St.
Newark, Ohio 43055

Officer Lake 740-334-0013
Officer Cortez 740-755-6335

APPLICATION FOR URBAN DEER HUNTING PROGRAM

Personal Information (Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Driver license/ID Number: _____

Employer Name, Address, and Phone:

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Other: _____

Relationship: _____

Vehicle Information

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

License Plate: _____ Color: _____

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

License Plate: _____ Color: _____

Equipment Information

Make of Bow/Crossbow: _____ Arrow Shaft Length: _____

Arrow Type: Fletching Color(s):

Broadhead Type:

*** All arrows must be the same**

If you already have permission to hunt a property within the City please list the owner and address:

***Reminder the property owner must properly register the property with the City of Newark and it must meet all the requirements to be hunted on even if you are the property owner.**

☐ I wish to be assigned to a property to hunt (based upon availability).

☐ I wish to be entered in the draw for City owned properties (Application must be complete and submitted by 4:00pm September 5th 2025 for consideration in the draw).

Upon Signing this, I agree that I have read and understand the rules and regulations regarding the Urban Deer Hunting Program in the City of Newark. I also understand that any violation of the rules and regulations will result in the revocation of my permit and possible arrest as well as suspension of my hunting privileges in Newark indefinitely.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Stamp and Signature from Pro-Formance Archery

Approved:

If qualified in another municipality please list the city and certifying official as well a contact number for verification:

***Please attach your original target from your proficiency test to this application packet; it will not be approved without it.**

***Incomplete applications will not be processed**

City of Newark, Ohio
Urban Deer Hunting Program
REGULATIONS
2026-2027 Season

All approved hunters have permission to hunt deer within Newark city limits: **September 26th, 2026 through February 7th, 2027** 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 2026-2027 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 21st -Nov 22nd 2026

Deer gun: Nov 30th - Dec 6th 2026

Deer gun: Dec 29th- Dec 20th 2026

Deer muzzleloader: Jan 2nd - Jan 5th 2027

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.

**A PARKING PASS WILL BE PROVIDED THAT NEEDS TO
BE DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES WHILE HUNTING ON
CITY PROPERTY.**

Land Owners

Hunting is only allowed on land with written permission from the property owner. All hunting parcels of land must be greater than three (3) acres and must be approved by the Chief of Police, City of Newark Deer Hunt coordinator or his designee.

Property owners of less than three (3) acres may join together, provided that properties being joined are contiguous and not separated by a road and all owners agree in writing that hunting may take place upon their combined properties.

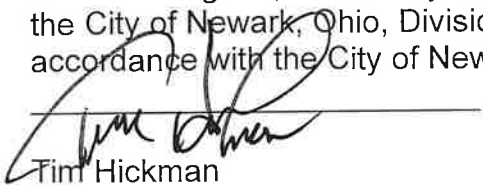
Written permission will be maintained on file by the Newark Police Department and will be updated annually. Certain restrictions may apply to some parcels of land.

The Chief of Police or his designee may approve property less than three (3) acres if safety issues are not a factor.

Property owners must comply with all applicable laws and regulations to permit hunting on their own property and register their property with the Police Department prior to hunting taking place. Property owners may permit, limit, or revoke hunting permission at any time during the approved season.

The leasing/renting of land or exchange of commercial services to persons for the purpose of hunting is strictly prohibited. Landowners or hunters may not profit financially from this hunting program in any way.

The undersigned, as the City of Newark Director of Public Safety, hereby adopts the City of Newark, Ohio, Division of Police, Urban Deer Hunting Program in accordance with the City of Newark Ordinance 09-48 on this day



Tim Hickman
Director of Public Safety
City of Newark, Ohio

**City of Newark, Ohio
Urban Deer Hunting Program
Application for Property Owners
2026-2027**

Property Owner Information (Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address of property (if different from above): _____

- ☐ I already know a hunter or hunters who wish to hunt my property (reminder ALL hunters MUST meet the requirements in the current Urban Goose Hunting Regulations to hunt on your property) Please list the hunters who will be hunting your property.

- ☐ I wish to be assigned a qualified hunter to hunt my property.

Upon signing this, I agree that I have read and understand the rules and regulations regarding the Urban Deer Hunting Program in the City of Newark. I also understand that any violation of the rules and regulations will result in the revocation of my property registration and possible arrest as well as suspension of my participation in the Urban Deer Hunting Program in Newark indefinitely. No monetary gain or service exchanges are permitted to occur between the property owner and the hunters for permission to hunt on the property.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CITY OF NEWARK URBAN DEER/WATER FOWL HUNTING PROGRAM
Release/Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement

The Newark Division of Police regulates, structures and issues permits for participation in the Urban Deer Hunting / Water Fowl Management Program (the "Hunting Program") in the City of Newark. Use of firearms is prohibited pursuant to the Hunting Program; only a bow and arrow may be used. Prior to participating in the Hunting Program, each Permittee must execute this Release/Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement to protect the City of Newark and participating landowners and lessees from any and all claims for damages of any kind or character related to the Hunting Program. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Hunting Program, the undersigned Permittee agrees as follows:

1. The undersigned Permittee, his/her spouse, heirs and/or legal representatives hereby releases, waives, holds harmless and forever discharges the City of Newark, the Newark Division of Police, as well as its officers, employees and/or agents, landowners and/or lessees ("Releasees") participating under this Hunting Program, from any and all liability, loss, damage, claim for damage, actions, causes of actions, expenses, costs or attorneys' fees of whatsoever kind or character resulting from the same deriving directly or indirectly from injury or damage to the undersigned Permittee's person or property, including, but not limited to, injury resulting in death to the undersigned Permittee, caused by negligence, acts, omissions or otherwise as a result of the undersigned Permittee's participation in the Hunting Program.
2. The undersigned Permittee agrees to indemnify Releasees from any and all liability, loss, damage, claim for damage, actions, causes of actions, expenses, costs or attorneys' fees of whatsoever kind or character resulting from the same deriving directly or indirectly from injury or damage to the undersigned Permittee's person or property, including, but not limited to, injury resulting in death to the undersigned Permittee, caused by negligence, acts, omissions or otherwise in the course of or as a result of the undersigned Permittee's participation in the Hunting Program. The undersigned Permittee assumes full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage due to the negligence, acts, omissions or otherwise as a result of the undersigned Permittee's participation in the Hunting Program or while in or upon premises where activities under the Hunting Program may lawfully occur.
3. The undersigned Permittee agrees that this Release/Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Ohio and that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the remainder of the Agreement shall be in full legal force and effect.

The undersigned Permittee hereby declares that he/she has read and understands this Release/Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement and further understands that the execution of this Agreement is a condition for eligibility to obtain a deer hunting permit under the Hunting Program.

PERMITTEE

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that on this ____ day of _____, 20____, _____(Permittee), personally appeared before me and acknowledged the execution of this Release/Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement to be their voluntary act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal on the day and year last above written.

NOTARY PUBLIC