



# TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

Deer Management Advisory Committee

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## Municipal Deer Management Program

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 2016-2017 Season

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 12, 14 and 41. In addition, the following special rules apply:

1. Only permitted hunters are allowed to participate in this program.
2. In order to obtain a permit, all prospective hunters are required to submit an application.
3. Only completed applications submitted in person by New Jersey licensed hunters who are fourteen (14) 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 \$30 non-refundable fee, shall be eligible for a municipal deer management permit.
4. Applications and other pertinent information will be available in the lobby of the Township Municipal Building at 201 Washington Crossing – Pennington Rd, Titusville, NJ 08650, or may be downloaded from the Township's web site at [http://www.hopewelltp.org/deer\\_mgmt\\_comm\\_main.html](http://www.hopewelltp.org/deer_mgmt_comm_main.html) beginning **June 13, 2016**.
5. Applications will only be accepted at the Township Police Station, 201 Washington Crossing – Pennington Rd, Titusville, NJ 08650, Monday – Friday's from 9am-4pm.
6. You must indicate on the application form, which property(ies) you are applying for.
7. The application deadline is 4pm **Friday, July 8, 2016**.
8. Successful applicants will be notified by the Deer Management Advisory Committee.
9. Successful applicants are required to complete the Township's hunter orientation course being held at 7pm in the Municipal Building Auditorium on: Wednesday, August 17, 2016  
Do not submit an application if you can not attend. No permit will be issued unless you complete this course.
10. Following successful completion of the hunter orientation course, and payment of the remaining \$70 fee, the Township shall issue a site-specific hunting permit and parking permit to each permittee.
11. Only one hunting permit and one parking permit per applicant will be issued.
12. All permits are non-transferable.
13. 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.
14. Each hunter's permits must be prominently displayed on their persons and vehicle dashboard whenever the hunter is on the property.
15. Motorized vehicles are restricted to public roads and designated parking areas.
16. 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).

17. Hunting will be allowed only from elevated stands (Do not load sporting arms until you are safely in your stand. Unload before beginning descent).
18. Only portable, commercially manufactured stands that do not harm trees are allowed.
19. Only one tree stand is allowed per hunter.
20. Each tree stand must be visibly marked with the last two digits of the hunter's permit number (unmarked stands will be removed).
21. All tree stands shall be removed no later than fifteen (15) days following the end of the NJ deer hunting seasons, or as required by the Deer Management Advisory Committee.
22. 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.
23. Hunters are not permitted to hunt with, or possess, a loaded firearm within 450 feet of any building or school playground. (exception for hunters carrying Township Letter at Else Parcel only)
24. Bow hunters at Pennington Point Parcel are not permitted to hunt with or possess a nocked arrow within 450 feet of the day care playground area.
25. Hunting may begin one half hour before sunrise and must end one half hour after sunset.
26. Hunting is not permitted on Sundays or Christmas Day.
27. Only white-tailed deer may be hunted; the hunting, shooting, killing, pursuit or removal of any other wildlife is strictly prohibited.
28. Deer drives are allowed only by permittees.
29. No person shall carry a sporting arm of any kind while driving deer.
30. The season harvest quota for Bow Only properties is two (2) antlerless deer.
31. The season harvest quota for Firearm & Bow properties is three (3) antlerless deer. Hunters are suggested to secure their quota before knowingly shooting at an antlered deer.
32. 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 Div of Fish & Wildlife **confirmation number**, and be made within **24 hours** to [http://cities.formstack.com/forms/deer\\_report](http://cities.formstack.com/forms/deer_report) or **text: 609-508-7262** or they will NOT count towards your quota.
33. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while on the property is prohibited.
34. Littering is prohibited.
35. Violation of any special condition or any applicable State law or local regulation will result in the immediate loss of hunting privileges on the property and will also subject the hunter to any applicable penalties.
36. Report all hunting program issues to [deermanagement@hopewelltp.org](mailto:deermanagement@hopewelltp.org). Report any hunting law violation concerns to NJ Fish & Wildlife officers, report any local law issues to Hopewell Township Police, and immediate emergencies please call 911. (*contact info is provided on back of permits*)
37. Permitted hunters must maintain \$1 million general liability insurance for the entire hunting season. You are responsible to update/renew your policy as needed and provide a copy, showing proof of coverage and expiration date, for your file with the Township before you can hunt.
38. All program hunters are required to submit a completed End-of-Season Questionnaire (to be provided).
39. Several hunting parcels may contain restricted, or limited times / dates / and hunting areas that could change, potential and/or permitted hunters will be notified of these restrictions