

Carcass Disposal Best Management Practices for Deer Hunters



Deer Harvested Inside the CWD Management Zone (CMZ)

Hunters Processing Their Own Deer:

- Deer carcasses and other unused parts must remain in the zone where the deer was harvested (High Risk Zone (HRZ) must stay in HRZ, Buffer Zone (BZ) must stay within CMZ).
- Remains should be buried at least two feet deep or deep enough to prevent scavengers from digging up remains.
- Burial reduces but does not eliminate the risk of spreading CWD.
- If burial is not possible, deer remains may be left on the ground at the property where the animal was harvested. While this will not prevent other deer or scavengers from coming into contact with potentially infected parts, at least those parts will remain in the general area where the deer was taken.

Hunter Takes Harvest to be Processed:

- Hunters can take deer harvested in the HRZ to processors and/or taxidermists **ONLY** within the HRZ.
- Hunters can take deer harvested in the BZ to processors and/or taxidermists located anywhere within the CMZ.

Deer Harvested Outside the CWD Management Zone (CMZ)

Hunters Processing Their Own Deer:

- Remains from processed deer can be disposed along with the hunter's normal household waste at a landfill or in normal garbage pickup.
- Remains can also be disposed by burying the items at least two feet deep or deep enough to prevent scavengers from digging up the remains.
- Another option is to leave the remains on the ground where the animal was harvested.

Hunter Takes Harvest to be Processed:

- Hunters can take deer harvested outside the CMZ to any processor and/or taxidermist statewide.

IMPORTANT: If hunters do not use a processor or taxidermist for services, hunters are responsible for disposal of deer carcasses and other unused parts according to ADCNR's Harvest Disposal Best Management Practices. Processors and taxidermists are not carcass disposal locations.

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