

Firearms, Bows, and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting

Weapon	Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Draw Weight	Projectile(s)	Firearm Sights; Bow releases	Weapon Transportation	
Bow	Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Winter Bow	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow.	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4". Only bows capable of firing a single projectile may be used.	Handheld release devices are permitted. Prohibited: Any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer; multi-barrel bows.	All Bows MUST be uncocked or uncocked.	
	Six-day Firearm	Bowhunters must possess both a Firearm and a Bow and Arrow license OR an All-Around license to use a bow during the Six-day Firearm Season.					
Muzzleloader	Permit Muzzleloader	Muzzleloader: rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal. Double-barrel firearms prohibited.	Rifle: not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Must be loaded with a single projectile only	Telescopic sights permitted. Only black powder or black powder equivalents may be used. Prohibited any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer. Prohibited modern smokeless powder.	Muzzleloader MUST be cased and unloaded while being transported in or on vehicles, including ATVs and UTVs. Unloaded means percussion cap has been removed or powder is emptied from the pan and frizzen is covered.	
	Six-day Firearm	Muzzleloader: single-shot, single barrel rifle OR single or double-barrel smoothbore shotgun. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal.	Muzzleloading rifle: single shot not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: single or double-barrel not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge				Muzzleloading rifle: single projectile Smoothbore: buckshot not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile
	Permit Shotgun	Muzzleloader: single or double-barrel smoothbores only (no rifles.) Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge				Buckshot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile
Shotgun	Six-day Firearm	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabotted slug. Prohibited: Pumpkin Balls Buckshot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Telescopic sights permitted. Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with, or in possession of, slugs. Prohibited: any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer.	Shotgun MUST be cased and unloaded while being transported in or on vehicles, including ATVs and UTVs	
	Permit Shotgun	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug. Prohibited: Pumpkin Balls Buckshot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")			

Antlered Buck Permit Deadlines!

All deer permits may be purchased beginning **Sept. 13, 2021** through the last day of the season for that zone. **RECOMMENDATION:** Purchase your Antlered Buck Permit and zone-specific permit(s) for each season in the same transaction. Hunters who initially purchase only an antlerless, zone-specific permit before the season opens should remember the following deadlines:

- Antlered Buck Permits for Permit Bow Season must be purchased by **Oct. 30** at 11:59 p.m.

- Antlered Buck Permits for Permit Muzzleloader Season must be, purchased by **Nov. 29** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Shotgun Season must be purchased by **Dec. 15** at 11:59 p.m.

For hunters who do not purchase any antlerless, zone-specific deer permit until *after* the season opens, an Antlered Buck Permit may be purchased only *with* the initial antlerless zone-specific permit. There will be no other chance to purchase an Antlered Buck Permit.