

WEST AMWELL TWP DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- To hunt West Amwell Township land, you must purchase a hunting permit from the Township.
- Parcels open to hunting are listed below.
- Deer and Turkey Hunting and Semi-Wild designation for pheasants is permissible.
- The permit lottery is ONLY available to West Amwell Township residents or a group of applicants where the contact person is a West Amwell resident. All persons applying under a group permit who would be hunting the property must submit their application information along with the West Amwell resident contact person. A parcel may change its contact person as long as it is done with the renewal application before the season and the new contact person is a member of that parcel group. This will not change that parcel's "right of first refusal" status.
- Purchasers of the parcel permits are permitted to hunt deer for all regular and permit bow, shotgun and muzzleloader seasons and Turkey for the spring seasons provided they are in compliance with all New Jersey Fish and Wildlife licensing and permitting requirements.
- Each permit is valid only for the area for which it is issued.
- Permit fees are due upon permit issuance. No permit will be issued without payment. Applicants may apply for permits for more than one parcel, but will only be awarded one permit.
- The application/renewal period will run from May 19 to July 10. A lottery drawing will be held, if needed, at the West Amwell Township Municipal Building, 150 Rocktown-Lambertville Road, at 2 p.m., August 1. Any parcels that are available for the lottery will be advertised on the West Amwell Township website from July 10, to August 1.
- West Amwell residents and groups with a West Amwell resident contact person may purchase additional permits after the initial permit lottery, if permits are available, on a first-come first-serve basis.
- All parcel permit holders in good standing will have the "right of first refusal" to renew the parcel permit from year to year. West Amwell reserves the right to cancel an existing permit or disallow a permit renewal application for cause at any time.
- New for 2020-2021. At the Open Space Committee meeting on September 10, 2019, it was discussed and approved that the current holders of the Deer Management parcel permits be allowed to extend their current agreements for an additional five-year period. There is agreement that the current parcel holders have been doing an excellent job in the harvesting of deer, maintaining the properties, and watching over and reporting any unauthorized activities on the properties. Because of the conduct of the parcel holders and the fact that very few people have inquired about the properties for hunting, it was felt that they should be rewarded with the option for an additional five-year period.

- If for any reason a parcel is removed from the hunting program and the permit holder of that parcel is in good standing, said permit holder shall have the right of first refusal for the next parcel to become available. If the permit holder exercises this right the permits shall be exchanged and the lottery for the newly available parcel shall not be held.
- All New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife license and permit requirements and regulations must be followed. Hunters are responsible for obtaining and learning state regulations. Hunters are also responsible for knowing safety zones and ensuring that they are at least 450 feet (150 feet for bow) from any school or municipal playground or occupied building.

PERMIT INFORMATION

NOTE: INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATIONS MAY BE REJECTED. PERSONS WHO SUBMIT FALSIFIED APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION, in accordance with chapter 145 of the code of West Amwell.

- Hunting permits are subject to a lottery.
- Mail-in applications for the lottery are accepted.
- Permit applications and maps of hunting areas are available at the Clerk's office.
- Parent or guardian must sign for children under 18.
- Youth hunters: Must have a valid youth hunting license. The youth hunter must hunt from the same stand, and be supervised by a licensed adult hunter.
- Permits are transferrable among lottery winners. West Amwell Township must be notified.
- Please have the following if you are hand delivering your application to the West Amwell Township Municipal Building:
 - Proof of West Amwell Township Residency
 - Permit Application
 - State hunting license
 - Proof of insurance copy

This information is due to the clerk's office before 12 pm on the lottery date. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Mail-in applications can be sent to:

West Amwell Township, Open Space Deer Management Program

150 Rocktown-Lambertville Road

Lambertville, NJ 08530

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP REGULATIONS

All state hunting regulations, licensing requirements, and permit requirements are in effect on West Amwell Township lands open to hunting. Hunters are responsible for obtaining and learning state regulations and West Amwell's regulations.

- The use and/or construction of permanent tree stands are prohibited. Hunters found using a permanent tree stand will be subject to prosecution whether they built it or not, in accordance with chapter 145 of the code of West Amwell.
- Portable tree stands are required, but are used and left unattended at the user's risk. Permit holder's name or West Amwell permit number must be securely affixed to the stand in an obvious location. Unidentified stands will be confiscated!
- West Amwell Township is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
- Tree stands and tree steps must be removed within 3 weeks of the expiration of your permit. Hunters who fail to remove their tree stand within the three-week period will receive a summons, and risk being disqualified from the hunting program for 2 years, in accordance with chapter 145 of the code of West Amwell.
- Possession of a permit to hunt on West Amwell property does not give hunters permission to cross private property, roads or railroad rights-of-way. Hunters are responsible for knowing the boundaries of municipal lands as well as safety zones.
- As indicated on the permit form, one copy of your West Amwell permit must be kept in your hunting license holder, and one copy must be prominently displayed in your vehicle windshield.
- Permit holders for each parcel will be provided a list of all hunters with permits on the same parcel. It is strongly recommended that they familiarize themselves with each other.
- Hunters are responsible for posting their parcels indicating that the property is for hunting by hunters with West Amwell permits only.
- Shotgun and muzzleloader hunters must wear blaze orange as per state regulations.
- West Amwell Township shall not be held liable for any events resulting in accident or harm.
- Hunters shall be self-insured, or be insured through the NRA. Insurance documentation shall be provided with the application form.
- The use of 4-wheel ATV's or ATV type motorized vehicles are permitted for the retrieval of deer that are harvested on the WAT hunting parcels, by the members only. This is the ONLY use of motorized vehicles that is permitted. Any other use of motorized vehicles, such as transporting deer stands, etc. is still strictly prohibited and may result in loss of hunting privileges. ATV users will need to provide proof of insurance. A copy of current insurance coverage including make, model, color and VIN of the ATV MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWNSHIP BEFORE USE. A current list of all ATV's and documentation will be kept on file with the Open Space Committee.

- Baiting on Municipal Property is legal. Mechanical feeders are prohibited and will be confiscated.
- *Hunters should be aware that non-hunting visitors are allowed on municipal lands open to hunting; non-hunting visitors are encouraged to wear blaze orange and confine visits to Sundays.*
- Trail cameras must be marked and identified with your current permit number. Any camera without a valid permit number will be removed and confiscated.
- The Primary focus of the Deer Management Program is to harvest more does on all hunting parcels. A doe harvest quota has been assigned to each parcel. The quota** is based on the size of the parcel, huntable acres, how many deer stands the parcel can accommodate, and deer density. The parcel quotas will be reviewed annually and adjusted as needed. In addition if a hunter takes a second buck, an additional doe must be taken. The doe requirement is for does only, no button bucks or shed bucks may be included. If a parcel does not meet its doe harvest quota, it will be allowed to make it up the following year. The NJ Deer Harvest Confirmation Number is used to confirm each deer harvested. Not submitting a harvest report on time or falsifying a harvest report will result in the loss of the automatic renewal privilege and the parcel will go back in to the open lottery system. **In any given year, the Deer Management Sub Committee of the Open Space Committee reserves the right to suspend the doe harvest quota based on extreme weather conditions, deer herd health and disease, unusual predatory activity, and any unforeseen circumstances which could seriously reduce the number of deer harvested.**
- The use of a Farmer Deer Depredation/Deer Kill Permit on any hunting parcel in the West Amwell Township Deer Management Program is prohibited without the express written permission of the Township Committee.

**** Doe quotas per hunting properties:**

Titus Meadows - 3

Laravan/O"Boyle - 2

Municipal Building Property – 5

Music Mountain Open Space - 5

Adam Property - 2

Wooden North – 3

CONTACT INFORMATION

With questions on state regulations, contact the [NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife](#)

Report illegal activities on Municipal Lands AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to the West Amwell Township Police Dept. 609 397-1100.

In case of an emergency DIAL 9-1-1.

PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

Titus Meadows- Block 4 Lot 1.01

- Alexauken Creek Road, from Hamp Road West
- Parking area across Hamp Road bridge
- Approximately 15 acres
- **Fee: \$330.00**

Laravan/O'Boyle- Block 2 Lot 3/Block 2 Lot 5.01

- Alexauken Creek Road
- Off road parking
- Approximately 23 acres
- **Fee: \$220.00**

Municipal Building Property- Block 11 Lot 18

- 150 Rocktown-Lambertville Road
- Parking lot
- Approximately 80 acres total, 30 acres firearms, 50 acres bow.
- **Fee: \$880.00**

Music Mountain Open Space- Block 3 Lot 20.01

- Access from Rt. 202 North

- Highway shoulder parking
- Approximately 75 acres
- **Fee: \$1,100.00**

Adam Property - Block 32 Lot 21.01

- Barry Road
- Parking on Road Shoulder
- Approximately 22 acres
- **Fee: \$550.00**

Wooden North Property – Block 29 Lot 16

- 29 Woodens Lane
- Parking on road shoulder
- Approximately 42.51 acres
- **Fee: \$550.00**