

CITY OF KINGSFORD

2022 COMPREHENSIVE DEER MANAGEMENT HUNT GUIDELINES

1. These guidelines are in addition to the guidelines published by the State of Michigan and both are in effect for hunting deer within the city. **Please note that baiting is not allowed per the new MDNR rules this year.**
2. No hunting is allowed within the city limits unless a permit has first been obtained from the Kingsford Public Safety Department and only bows or crossbows may be used for hunting within the city.
3. Hunters may apply for more than one permit at the time of application.
4. Only antlerless deer shall be harvested, except that a hunter may shoot a buck if he/she has successfully harvested and registered three (3) antlerless deer prior to taking the buck. In order to harvest a buck, the hunter will be required to possess and use a state issued buck license/tag in accordance with State of Michigan regulations.
5. **All hunters are directed to avoid confrontations at all cost. If harassed, you should remain silent and report the incident to the Kingsford Public Safety Department (906) 774-2525. For the record, “hunter harassment,” defined by statute, occurs when someone “prevents, disrupts, interferes with the taking or preparing to take wild animals.”**
6. Familiarize yourself with this year’s hunt rules: 12-foot minimum structure or tree stand height with hunter identification; no gut piles; must carry a pocket ID card or valid driver’s license at all times (including while scouting); respecting vegetation, respecting the hunting strategies and areas of fellow hunters; wearing a full-body safety harness at all times while on stand; reports all harvests within 24 hours; accepting all City of Kingsford decisions as final, etc.
7. City rule violations (hunting in the wrong zone, hunting without proper identification, etc.) are enforced and reported to the Kingsford Public Safety Department. If it is an urgent situation, contact the Kingsford Public Safety Department (774-2525). DNR Officer by contacting Kingsford Public Safety, or call 911.
8. Hunting will only be permitted on parcels of land containing 7 acres or more and by owner’s written permission. Owners of not more than two adjacent properties, in order to meet the 7-acre size requirement and by written agreement, may allow hunting on their properties.
9. *Setbacks: 450 feet from occupied buildings, 200 feet from occupied buildings with written permission, 200 feet of the centerline of a roadway and 200 feet from designated trail systems (snowmobile, hiking trail, city hiking and/or cross-country ski trails). Set up out of sight from the non-hunting public.*
10. It is critical that every hunter avoid trespassing at all costs. Do not track wounded deer out of the designated deer hunt area with uncased bow/crossbow.
11. Teamwork among fellow hunters is essential to an optimum harvest: Discuss stand location preferences, access plans and deer retrieval strategies.
12. Parking: The city will ticket or tow vehicles that block traffic.

13. All hunters without a wallet I.D. card or valid driver's license in their possession are in violation of the City's Comprehensive Deer Management Guidelines. All hunting must cease within city limits until the I.D. card is replaced.
14. Personal hunt schedules: When you change hunting locations or are finished for the season, let the Public Safety Director or his/her designee know immediately. The City of Kingsford needs to know when hunting zones can accommodate other hunters.
15. Field Reports: The Kingsford Public Safety Department is charged with providing baseline deer data to the city, including the number and location of deer killed.
16. Wounding deer: The City of Kingsford does not want to lose a single deer in this hunt! Please limit your shots to real-world abilities, and assist one another in retrieving deer in your DHA. When tracking deer, know locations of other hunters.
17. Tree stands or structure etiquette: A maximum of one stand per hunter is sufficient to successfully participate in the Kingsford Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt.
18. On public property, stands must be removed within three (3) days from end of the season or three (3) days from successful harvest.
19. Reporting kills: Every hunter must report, within 24 hours, all harvests.
20. Hunter-to-hunter etiquette: The Bowhunters' Creed stipulates that hunters shall not knowingly impose themselves on others, which includes, but is not limited to, respecting one another's landowner relations.
21. All Deer Management Hunters must be at least seventeen (17) years at the time of application.
22. The 2022 Comprehensive Deer Management Program will be in effect during the same periods as the state deer hunting seasons during October, November, and December 2022 and January 2023 or as otherwise established by the City of Kingsford.
23. All hunters will be required to take a proficiency test as required.
24. All hunters must attend a pre-season information session.
25. The City of Kingsford retains the absolute right to amend or modify these guidelines at any time it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City.