



# DISPOSAL OF DEER HARVESTED WITHIN NORTH CAROLINA

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is committed to working with deer hunters to protect the state's deer herd from Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal neurological deer disease. CWD is believed to spread between animals through body fluids, either through direct contact or indirectly through environmental contamination of soil, food or water. Though CWD has not been detected in North Carolina, precautionary measures for disposal of deer harvested within the state are important, as other states have discovered that the disease can be present in deer herds long before it is detected.

**Hunters should dispose the remains of deer harvested within North Carolina in one of the following ways:**

- **Bury where you harvest:** Whenever possible, deer remains should be buried on the property where the animal was harvested. Burial on property other than where harvested is acceptable only if buried deep enough to prevent scavengers from reaching the material.
- **Landfills:** Double bag the deer remains for disposal at your area landfill. Contact your area landfill or solid waste management provider for local policies and more information.
- **Leave in place:** If the methods above are not possible, deer remains may be left on the ground 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.

**DO NOT:**

- **Transport parts and discard on the ground:** Deer remains transported to a property other than where harvested for processing should not be discarded on the ground where they could infect the environment. This is especially true for hunters traveling long distances within the state to hunt.
- **Dispose of parts in water:** Do not dispose of deer remains in or near ponds, streams, lakes or waterways. This has the potential to spread CWD to new areas. It is also illegal in North Carolina to dispose of animal remains in public waters.
- **Litter:** Disposing of deer or any other animal remains on roadsides, waterways or on property (without permission or where restricted) is illegal in North Carolina.

To prevent the unintentional introduction of CWD into North Carolina from other states, the Commission regulates the importation and transportation of deer parts. For more information on importation requirements, visit [ncwildlife.org/ccr](http://ncwildlife.org/ccr).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CWD, VISIT [NCWILDLIFE.ORG/CWD](http://NCWILDLIFE.ORG/CWD).