

HOW CAN I HELP WITH CWD?

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a progressive, fatal disease of the nervous system in white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and moose. CWD was first discovered in Tennessee in December 2018. The damage done to portions of the brain – creating holes in the brain cells and causing a sponge-like appearance – is 100% fatal once contracted.

TWRA's disease management goals are keeping CWD from spreading, keeping the number of diseased deer in the affected area to a minimum, and reducing disease rates where possible. Here are some things you can do to help **in Unit CWD**.

FOR HUNTERS

- Keep hunting! Take advantage of the additional opportunities to harvest deer in Unit CWD.
- Honor carcass transportation restrictions for Tennessee if hunting out-of-state, or exporting from Unit CWD. (*Only De-boned meat, clean skulls, skull plates and teeth, antlers, finished taxidermy, hides, and tanned products.*)
- Follow the regulation prohibiting the placement of grain, salt products, minerals and other consumable products for wildlife in Unit CWD.
- Have deer tested for CWD and follow best practices for carcass disposal in Unit CWD, found at CWDinTennessee.com.
- Report sick or abnormal looking deer to TWRA.
- Report anyone not abiding by transport laws to TWRA.
- Abide by new regulation regarding the use of synthetic urine lures or products with the Archery Trade Association's seal of approval. Look for this seal:



FOR LANDOWNERS

- Encourage hunters to harvest their bag limit.
- Allow more hunting on your land.
- Discontinue the use of mineral licks and feeding.
- Cover old mineral sites with six (6) inches of top soil/gravel.
- Avoid planting small food plots.
- Test deer harvested on your land for CWD.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

While hunting in areas with CWD ...

- Strongly consider having deer tested for CWD before eating the meat.
 - If your animal tests positive for CWD, do not eat meat from that animal.
- Wear latex or rubber gloves when dressing the animal or handling the meat.
- Minimize how much you handle the organs of the animal, particularly the brain and spinal cord.
- Do not use household knives or other kitchen utensils for field dressing.
- *For more information, visit CDC.gov.*

FIND OUT MORE DETAILS AT CWDINTN.COM

