

IRONWOOD CITY COMPREHENSIVE DEER MANAGEMENT HUNT
2025 GUIDELINES

1. All Michigan Hunting rules will apply.
2. All hunters are directed to avoid confrontations at all costs. If harassed, you should remain silent and report the incident to Ironwood Public Safety (906) 932-1234. For the record, “hunter harassment,” defined by statute, occurs when someone “prevents, disrupts, interferes with the taking or preparing to take wild animals.” Shall not disturb legal hunters– in the act/or preparation of hunting.
3. Familiarize yourself with this year’s hunt rules: 12-foot minimum tree stand height; no gut piles; must carry pocket ID card 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; reporting all harvests within 24 hours; accepting all City of Ironwood and/or Michigan DNR decisions as final, etc.
4. City code violations (hunting in the wrong zone, hunting without proper identification, etc.) are enforced and reported to the Ironwood Public Safety Department. If it is an urgent situation, contact the Ironwood Public Safety Department (906) 932-1234, DNR Officer by contacting Ironwood Public Safety Dispatch, Gogebic County Dispatch, or in Emergencies, call 9-1-1.
5. It is critical that every hunter avoid trespassing at all costs. Do not track wounded deer out of designated deer hunt area with an uncased bow. Contact Ironwood Public Safety Department if a wounded deer leaves the designated hunt area.
6. Teamwork among fellow hunters is essential to an optimum harvest: Discuss stand location preferences, access plans and deer retrieval strategies.
7. Parking: The city will ticket or tow vehicles that block any traffic.
8. Personal hunt schedules: When you are finished for the season, let your City Manager or his/her designee know immediately. Hunters will be required to surrender their unused permits. The City of Ironwood needs to know when hunting zones can accommodate other hunters.
9. Wounding deer: The City of Ironwood 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 your deer know locations of other hunters.
10. Tree stand etiquette: A maximum of one stand per hunter is sufficient to successfully participate in the Ironwood Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt. Hunters are required to use a safety harness in their tree stand.
11. Stands must be removed within three (3) days from the end of season or three (3) days from successful harvest.
12. **Reporting kills: Every hunter must report their deer kill to Jen Jacobson as soon as possible at (906) 364-0174 so they can be logged within 48 hours and to obtain a slip before obtaining another DMA Permit. Jen J. will register the deer on the Michigan DNR Harvest Reporting Website.**
13. Hunter-to-hunter etiquette: The bow hunters’ Creed stipulates that hunter shall not knowingly impose themselves on others, which includes, but is not limited to, respecting one another’s landowner relations.

14. All Deer Management Hunters must be at least seventeen (17) years at the time of application.
15. The 2025 Comprehensive Deer Management Program will be separated into two seasons: October 1st – November 14th, and December 1st – December 31st, 2025.
16. All hunters will be required to take a proficiency test as required by City Ordinance.
17. A \$10.00 non-refundable application fee will be charged to all hunters participating. Hunters will be charged a \$10.00 administrative processing fee for each DMA Permit Hunters receive.
- 18. All hunters must attend a Pre-Season Seminar on Wednesday, September 24th at 5:00 P.M. at the City of Ironwood Memorial Building located at 213 S. Marquette St.**
19. The maximum of thirty (30) active permits will be issued at any one time. The City of Ironwood will issue additional DMA Permits provided there are no other applicants on the waiting list. Contact Jen Jacobson at (906) 364-0174 if in need of another tag and arrangements will be made.
20. ORV's may be used to help remove your deer from the designated Deer Management Area.
- 21. Earn-A-Buck – Hunters who participated in the previous year's Comprehensive Deer Management Hunt will be eligible to participate in the "Earn-A-Buck" Incentive Program. To "Earn-A-Buck" a hunter must harvest a doe prior to harvesting a buck. A maximum of 5 bucks can be harvested. One buck max per hunter.**
22. Property owners, once registered with the City Clerk's Office, with ten (10) acres or more of contiguous property bordered by City land will be allowed to obtain a DMA (Deer Management Assistance) Permit to participated in the Comprehensive Deer Management Program, subject to all the rules and regulations of the State of Michigan and individuals receiving said permit shall be responsible for knowledge of said rules and regulations.
23. Participants are encouraged to mark their arrows with their initials.