



# Indiana DNR's Deer Hunting Check List

## BEFORE YOUR HUNT

Purchase deer hunting license/licenses
Find hunting location & secure permission from landowner and surrounding landowners
Read latest hunting and trapping guide for regulation changes
Scout your hunting area
Purchase ammunition and sight-in your firearm or other equipment
Practice climbing your tree stand or setting up your blind, practice with safety harness
Ensure all equipment is in good working order

## WEEK OR DAY OF THE HUNT

Check weather and layer clothing appropriately
Wash hunting clothes with unscented, non-brightening detergent
Put on hunter orange clothing and ensure it meets requirements
Sharpen and pack knife for field dressing
Headlamp/flashlight with spare batteries
Have hunting license (electronic copies are now valid) and ID ready to go
Drag rope
Temporary transportation tag and pen/pencil (fill out most beforehand)
GPS/Map/Compass
Water bottle/thermos/ snacks
Hunting license and ID (it's on here twice, it's THAT important)
Ammunition
Small saw or pruners
Cell phone
Leave hunting details with family/friends
String or zip tie to affix temporary transportation tag
Paper towels/gloves/twist ties or rubber bands for field dressing
Tree stand with full body harness
Blind and 144 sq inches of hunter orange visible from all sides
First Aid Kit
Binoculars/range finder

## AFTER YOU HARVEST A DEER

Field dress the deer, drag out of woods, affix temporary transportation tag
Check in deer at check station or online at <a href="http://checkingame.dnr.in.gov">checkingame.dnr.in.gov</a> or <a href="http://inhuntfish.com">inhuntfish.com</a>
Process your deer or take to a processor

## WHEN YOU'RE DONE HUNTING

Clean your gear
Thank private landowner for permission to hunt land (share your harvest)
Organize and put away gear for next year.



Have more venison than you or your family can eat? Consider donating to the GiveIN Game program. More: [deer.dnr.in.gov](http://deer.dnr.in.gov)