



Deer Management FAQ's

1. How can I participate in the Meridian Township Deer Management Program?

To submit your name for the waiting list please call or visit the Meridian Township Service Center at 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court Haslett, MI 48840 to fill out an application, view hunting maps, rules, and regulations.

2. What are the requirements to hunt in the Deer Management Program?

Placement in the program is **limited to Meridian Township residents**. All hunters must submit to a background check, and pass a proficiency test and equipment check. There are also minimum participation requirements throughout the hunting season.

3. When and where does the hunt take place?

The deer management program coincides with the archery season, running from October 1, 2018 through January 1, 2019. Hunting occurs seven days a week from ½ hour before dawn to ½ hour after dusk. All participating properties are posted at obvious points of entry.

4. What safety precautions has the township taken to prevent hunting related incidents?

Hunting is limited to **archery only**. Designated properties have a predetermined number of hunters based on the property size, huntable area, and public use. All hunters are required to have a background check, pass a proficiency test, and pass an equipment check. Hunter participation is reported as far as property entrance and exit times, their stand locations, and deer in process of being tracked.

5. Can I hunt on private property in Meridian Township?

Yes, be sure to obtain written landowner permission and follow all State rules and regulations. **Meridian Township parks and land preserves are not open to public hunting.**

6. What do the hunters do with the venison?

Hunters are allowed to keep the meat themselves, but are encouraged to donate the deer through Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger (MSAH), so that the meat can be donated to local food banks.

7. How many reported deer car collisions occur in Meridian Township?

2017: 148

2016: 164

2015: 144

2014: 137

8. Who can I call to report a dead deer along the roadway?

Contact the Dead Animal Recovery Team (DART) through the Ingham County Sherriff's Office at 517.676.8220. Leave your name, phone number, the location, and the type of animal.

9. How can I remove a dead deer/animal from my yard?

Most pest and nuisance animal control professionals offer carcass removal service. Meridian Township does not offer this service.

10. I believe someone is poaching on my property or illegally feeding deer, who do I call?

Michigan Department of Natural Resources RAP line (Report All Poaching 800.292.7800