

DEER PROCESSING GUIDE

- 2019 EDITION -

WE ONLY ACCEPT FRESHLY HARVESTED DEER.

Frozen deer will not be accepted (do not leave it hanging overnight) - we cannot skin a deer that is frozen. Any deer not brought in the day it was harvested may be turned away due to poor quality. Gut shot deer will be assessed a cleaning fee. Remember to field dress it correctly, make sure it's clean and leave the hide on to avoid any fees.

IF YOU HAVE TO KEEP IT OVERNIGHT, WASH IT OUT WELL.

Remember it still must not be frozen when you drop it off. Temperatures at night do get down to freezing during deer season so plan accordingly. It gets dark around 5pm and we generally accept deer until at least 8pm. That gives you ample time to field dress the deer and drop it off. You will be a lot happier with the quality of your meat if you drop it off the same day it is shot.

DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TRY TO AGE YOUR DEER.

Due to the volume of deer we take, your aged deer will not be processed before it goes bad. We will not bump your deer up in the processing order because you held onto it to age it. First come, first served.

THE SOONER YOU BRING IT IN, THE SOONER YOU GET IT BACK.

Whole deer brought in for sausage during opening weekend will likely be done by Christmas or the New Year. Deer brought in during opening weekend that have burger and steak will be ready to be picked up in roughly 5-7 days. Please plan on picking your deer up as swiftly as possible to clear out our freezers for other deer.

ALL SPECIALTY PRODUCTS MUST BE REFRIGERATED.

They need to be put into the freezer if not consumed within a couple of weeks. None of our products are shelf stable. Specialty products will typically last a year if kept frozen in their vacuum sealed packages without losing quality.

WE USE FACEBOOK TO NOTIFY WHEN DEER ARE READY.

Follow Facebook page Country Meat Shop - Deer Processing. This is where we will announce what groups of deer and specialty products are ready to be picked up. Your deer number will be on your ticket so take a picture of it with your phone in case you lose it so you know your number. Please refrain from calling us if possible so we can keep working and get product to you as quickly as possible.

PICK UP PART OF YOUR ORDER? YOU MUST PAY FOR ALL OF IT.

If you pick up any part of your deer order, the entire order must be paid for in full at that time. No exceptions. We will write you a receipt for what you have not picked up and it will be put back in with the unfilled orders to avoid any confusion. We've done this for years and it works extremely well.

IF YOU'RE GIFTING YOUR DEER TO SOMEONE, THEY MUST BE PRESENT.

The person you're giving the deer to must be present at drop off and put down a deposit, otherwise the deer will be donated to Share the Harvest. If that person doesn't pick up the deer at the end of the season, the hunter will get a

fine and possibly his or her hunting license revoked. This is the best way to guarantee that the deer will be picked up by the party you are giving it to. It covers both us and the hunter.

WE WILL NOT COMPROMISE QUALITY WITH BAD MEAT.

If you shot a deer but didn't find it until the next morning, we will not accept it for personal processing or share the harvest as the quality may be compromised. The meat is tainted if not field dressed within just a few hours of being shot. We also do not accept roadkilled deer. We pride ourselves on having the best meat go out the door and will not risk it.

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