



# Disposal and Transport of Deer Harvested In North Carolina

Since CWD was first detected in North Carolina in March 2022, preventing its accidental spread to new parts of the state has become a crucial management goal. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal disease in deer that spreads via infected saliva, urine and feces of live deer or the movement of deer carcasses and carcass parts; deer that appear healthy may still be infected and able to spread CWD. Hunters can take action by following the precautions below when transporting or disposing of deer carcasses.

## RESPONSIBLY DISPOSE OF DEER REMAINS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

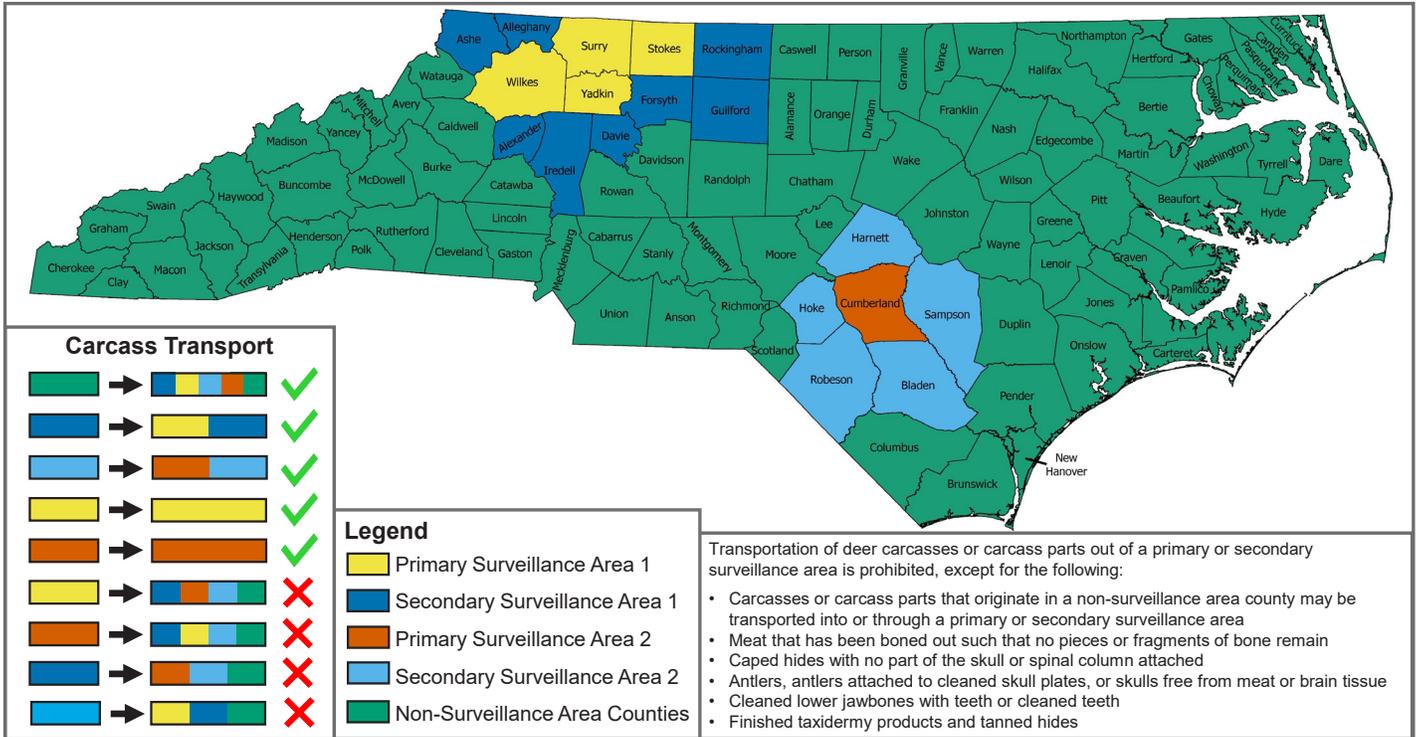
- **Bury where you harvest:** Whenever possible, deer remains should be buried on the property where the animal was harvested. Burial elsewhere is acceptable only if buried deep enough to prevent scavengers from reaching the material, and location of burial doesn't violate CWD carcass transport regulations.
- **Landfills:** Double bag the deer remains for disposal at the closest landfill. Contact your area landfill or solid waste management provider for local policies and more information.
- **Leave in place:** If the methods above are not possible, deer remains may be left on the ground where the animal was harvested. While this will not prevent other deer or scavengers from coming into contact with potentially infected parts, at least those parts will remain in the general area where the deer was taken.

## ALERT - DO NOT:

- **Transport parts and discard on the ground:** Remains of deer transported away from the harvest location should not be discarded on the ground where they could infect new areas. This is especially true for hunters traveling long distances to hunt. Don't give CWD a ride!
- **Dispose of parts in water:** Do not dispose of deer remains in or near ponds, streams, lakes or waterways. This could spread CWD to new areas, and it is also illegal in North Carolina to dispose of animal remains in public waters.
- **Litter:** Disposing of deer or any other animal remains on roadsides, waterways or on property you don't own or lease (without permission or where restricted) is illegal in North Carolina.
- **Transport carcasses or parts out of a CWD Surveillance Area:** Know the CWD Surveillance Area boundaries and follow carcass transportation regulations (see map on reverse side).



# 2023–2024 DEER CARCASS TRANSPORT REGULATIONS



## 2023–2024 CWD SURVEILLANCE AREAS

### Surveillance Area 1:

- **Primary:** Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties
- **Secondary:** Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Iredell, and Rockingham counties

### Surveillance Area 2:

- **Primary:** Cumberland county
- **Secondary:** Bladen, Harnett, Hoke, Robeson, and Sampson counties

To prevent the unintentional spread of CWD the Commission regulates the importation of deer parts into North Carolina from other states and transportation of deer parts out of Surveillance Areas within the state. Visit the website below to learn more.

For more information on CWD, deer carcass movement and importation regulations, visit [NCWILDLIFE.ORG/CWD](http://NCWILDLIFE.ORG/CWD), or scan the QR code.



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