

Deer Management Resources - 2019



This information sheet provides a wealth of resources prepared for a Deer Management Workshop held April 24, 2019. Resources include: 1) internet sites; 2) UME deer publications; 3) MD DNR Wildlife & Heritage hunter surveys, state deer management plan, game reports & wildlife surveys, reports and management plans; 4) county deer task force reports and county deer management plans; 5) suburban deer management publications; and 6) contact information for private organized hunting groups and deer management associations.

Animal Control Hotline (telephone only) - The Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage Division and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have teamed up to provide you with a Toll-free phone number to report nuisance, injured or sick wildlife situations. Call 1-877-463-6497. They can provide advice and some resources to help you with wildlife damage problems. They do not handle problems with deer, bear and other larger species. DNR Wildlife Problems website https://dnr.maryland.gov/Wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/wildlifeproblems.aspx

Home and Garden Information Center - The University of Maryland Extension operates the Center in Ellicott City, MD. The Center provides online resources to help Maryland homeowners solve horticultural problems, including wildlife damage problems. 410-531-5556. <https://extension.umd.edu/hgic>

Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management Website - The Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management (ICWDM) attempts to consolidate existing and future information on integrated pest management (IPM) in wildlife damage management. This is a USDA-funded and University-sponsored effort. You can also find the University nearest you and their on-line wildlife publications. <http://icwdm.com/>

Deercrash.com - The goal of DeerCrash is to provide a central location where users can deposit and retrieve reliable, timely and pertinent information that will assist them in identifying means of significantly reducing deer-vehicle collisions and enhancing public safety on roadways. <https://iowaltap.iastate.edu/deer-vehicle-crash-information-clearinghouse/>

Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage - This handbook is a comprehensive reference of North American vertebrate species. Consisting of 91 chapters, it's written by 75 recognized authorities in wildlife damage prevention and control. Each chapter is devoted to a specific animal. Over 400 figures help identify species and illustrate control tools and methods. It contains five publications on damage identification, 23 on rodents, 16 on carnivores, 11 on other mammals, 20 on birds, 7 on reptiles and amphibians, and other sections on vertebrate pesticides, supplies and materials. First printing (1994) available online at <http://icwdm.org/handbook/allPDF/Complete%20Handbook.pdf>.

Fifth edition in progress at

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/sa_reports/ct_wildlife+damage+management+technical+series

University of Maryland Extension Deer Damage Publications Online –

www.extension.umd.edu/woodland. Publications available under “Deer” on the Wildlife and Insect Damage section of the Publications Library. University Extension organizations in other states also have some educational resources.

- **Managing Deer Damage in Maryland** – University of Maryland Extension bulletin 354, Newly revised in 2001.
https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/_docs/publications/EB354_ManagingDeerDamage.pdf
- **Resistance of Ornamental Plants to Deer Damage** - University of Maryland Extension fact sheet 655.
https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/_docs/articles/FS655-ResistanceDeer.pdf
- **Using Commercial Deer Repellents to Manage Deer Browsing in the Landscape** - University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet #810.
http://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/_docs/programs/woodland-steward/FS810-A_UsingCommDeerReps.pdf
- **Use of Dogs Contained within Off-Limits Crop Protection System for Reducing Deer Damage to Orchards and Horticultural Crops** - University of Maryland Extension Research Note RNS-2.
http://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/_docs/programs/woodland-steward/RNS2_DogsforReducingDeerDamage.pdf

Deer Publications & Resources:

- **Maryland Residents’, Landowners’, and Hunters’ Attitudes Toward Deer Hunting and Deer Management. 2018.** This study was conducted for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to determine the opinions and attitudes of residents, landowners, and hunters regarding deer hunting and deer management. The study entailed three scientific telephone surveys of Maryland residents (i.e., a general population survey), landowners who own a parcel of at least 20 acres and who grow agricultural crops, and hunters who have licenses that allow deer hunting.
http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/2018_DeerPublicOpinionSurvey.pdf
- **Maryland 10-Year Deer Management Plan – 2009-2018.** This 10-year plan establishes goals and objectives to address these and other pertinent issues related to managing this charismatic species in Maryland over the next decade.
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/2009-2018MarylandWTDeerPlan.pdf>
- **Maryland Game Program and Annual Report** - Published annually by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife & Heritage Division, includes harvest statistics for deer and other game species as well as economic effects. This looks close:
https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/hunt_trap/GameMammals.aspx

- **Maryland Non-Lethal Wildlife Management Task Force Final Report** - first-ever statewide task force charged to recommend appropriate non-lethal methods of resolving human/wildlife conflicts. Released January 2001. Available in PDF-format. <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc5300/sc5339/000113/004000/004184/unrestricted/20071022e.pdf>
- **Howard County Deer Management Task Force Report** - the Howard County Deer Task Force was created in 1996 by the County Council. The Task Force was charged with investigating the deer situation within the county, examining the options available to deal with problems, and recommending a course of action. As a result of the Task Force's work, a comprehensive management plan for white-tailed deer in Howard County has been jointly developed by stakeholders. <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=8d0csCdQX2s%3d&portalid=0>.
- **Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks Comprehensive Deer Management Plan.** <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=JO5dxBQOMaM%3d&portalid=0>
- **Montgomery County Deer Management Program and Recommendations** - The Comprehensive Management Plan for White-Tailed Deer in Montgomery County, MD developed in 1995 calls for the Deer Management Work Group to review deer-impact data and present a list of recommendations for the upcoming year. This is done on an annual basis. Here's the FY2019 Annual Report and Recommendations: <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/uploads/2018/07/Deer-report-FY-2019.pdf>
- **Managing White-Tailed Deer in Suburban Environments: a Technical Guide (2000)** This Cornell Cooperative Extension booklet provides an overview of the complex issues involved and discusses the usefulness of various management options for resolving localized deer-human conflicts. The new 52-page manual reviews the biology of the white-tailed deer and discusses methods for reducing deer-related problems. Comprehensive strategies are outlined. Fencing and repellents are covered, as well as options for lowering deer populations and experimental techniques for deer fertility control. Free download available: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/266911156_Managing_white-tailed_deer_in_suburban_environments_A_technical_guide
- **Supplement to the Environmental Assessment: White-tailed Deer Damage Management in Maryland.** https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/pdfs/nepa/2013_Supplement_MD_Deer_EA_final.pdf
- **USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service Maryland Field Office - Wildlife Damage reports available online 2001-2012** https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Maryland/Publications/Wildlife_Damage/

Private Organized Hunting Groups/Deer Mgt. Organizations

- **Animal Connection Deer Management Team** – www.acdmt.org – Mark Eakin and Wayne VanRooyen – 301-502-8608; deer.help@gmail.com
- **Bowhunting Firefighters of Maryland** – www.bffmd.com – David Berk – 610-223-3695; Brdng154@gmail.com

- **Suburban Whitetail Management of Maryland** – Marty Hays – 443-506-4895; marty@interconnectinc.com
- **Patriot Natural Resources** (Patriot Whitetail Removal Team) – www.patriotnr.org – Dustin Prieto; 315-408-2159; pwrt@patriotlwm.com
- **Quality Deer Management Association** (QDMA) MD State Chapter – Cheri Winter – 443-277-6564; minidachs2@msn.com (Also with DHG [Deer Hunt Group])

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