

Hunters for Tomorrow: Donating Wild Game to Food Banks

Information for Hunters

Wild game can now be donated to food banks if:

- the wild game is harvested legally, and
- certain safe guards are taken.

Hunters who would want to donate wild game meat to food banks should review and follow the information below. Hunters can find information about the program at:

<https://www.huntingfortomorrow.ca>

Plan Ahead and Stay Organized

- Obtain and complete the wild game donation forms from the [AHS website](http://www.ahs.ca/ephdonate), www.ahs.ca/ephdonate.
- Comply with the Hunting Regulations. Wild game will only be accepted into the program with a tag number and WIN number. More information available at <https://mywildalberta.ca/default.aspx>
- Arrange for the carcass to be dropped at an approved butcher shop for processing before hunting. These approved locations are available at <https://www.huntingfortomorrow.ca>.
- Follow mandatory CWD testing if hunting in CWD areas throughout the province. There are drop off locations for deer head submissions listed on the Alberta Environment and Parks website: <http://aep.alberta.ca/fish-wildlife/fishing-hunting-trapping/hunting-alberta/chronic-wasting-disease.aspx>
- Hunt when outside temperatures are less than 15°C to ensure safe transportation.
- Review transport information below regarding temperatures and transportation times.

Field Dressing the Animal:

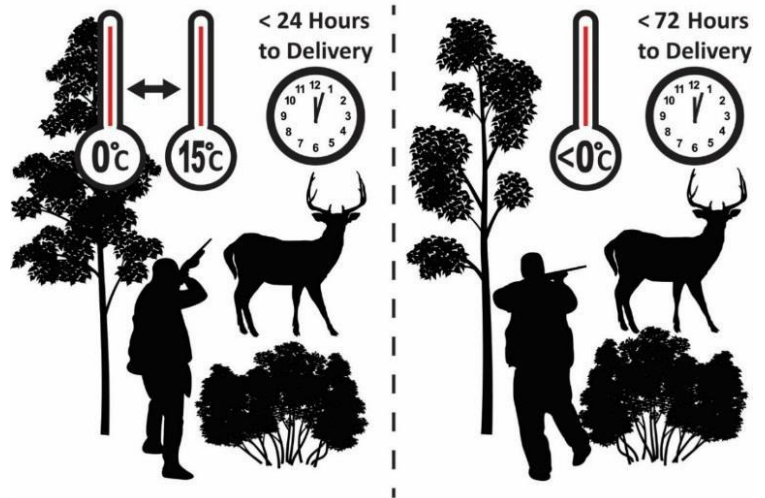
- Do not donate gut shot or contaminated carcasses. These carcasses will not be accepted into the program.
- Gut and clean the carcass in the field. See the following link from BCCDC to help guide you when field dressing the animal.
www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/wildlife-wildlife-habitat/wildlife-health/wildlife-health-documents/field_dressing_10_-_final.pdf
- Refer to the guide from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry or the BCCDC document which identifies common diseases and abnormalities which must be noted. Some of these concerns could mean the meat is not fit to donate to charity.
<http://aep.alberta.ca/fish-wildlife/wildlife-diseases/>
www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/wildlife-wildlife-habitat/wildlife-health/wildlife-health-documents/safety_fieldguide2011_web.pdf

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- Bag and deliver the heart, liver and lungs to the butcher shop with the carcass
- Leave the animal hide on the carcass during transportation to limit contamination. Wrap the carcass in game bags if the hide is removed.

Transporting the animal:

- Transport the harvested animal to the approved butcher shop as soon as possible.
- A carcass may only be accepted into the program if;
 - less than 24 hours has passed since the animal was killed AND ambient air temperatures were between 0°C and 15°C when the animal was harvested and transported
 - less than 72 hours has passed since the animal was killed AND ambient air temperatures were less than 0°C at all times when the animal was harvested and transported.



If you have any questions, please contact:

- Alberta Fish and Wildlife <https://www.alberta.ca/fish-and-wildlife-contacts.aspx>
- Alberta Health Services (see number below or www.ahs.ca/eph)
- Alberta Agriculture and Forestry: www.alberta.ca/agriculture-and-forestry.aspx
- Hunters Sharing the Harvest: www.huntingfortomorrow.ca/fact-sheets

Contact us at 1-833-476-4743 or [submit a request online](http://submit.a request online) at ahs.ca/eph.

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