CWD
Recommendations & Rules

GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

For Processors and Taxidermists

Deer Processors and taxidermists are vital in helping WRD monitor and manage CWD. WRD relies on your support to collect tissue samples for monitoring and to provide testing for hunters that want it.

Not Participating in Sampling Yet?

If your facility is not currently participating in CWD testing, you can still join the effort. WRD compensates participating deer processors and taxidermists for assisting with sample collection. Visit GeorgiaWildlife.com/cwd or email cwd@dnr.ga.gov to get started.

Expectations for CWD Testing Locations:

- Agree to list your facility as a testing location on the CWD website
- Store properly labeled deer heads refrigerated or frozen for WRD pickup
- Save heads for hunters that request a CWD test
- Save heads for routine CWD sampling (counties, numbers, and deer type specified by your WRD contact)
- Record all required information with each head (Hunter name, phone #, county, confirmation #, date, etc.) on provided tags

Compensation (Form W-9 required):

- $10 per deer head that meets the criteria above
- If properly trained to collect lymph nodes, $20 per sample that meets all criteria above

New Statewide Deer Carcass Disposal Rule

Proper deer carcass disposal helps prevent the spread of CWD to new areas within Georgia. Anyone transporting or disposing of carcasses or parts, including hunters, processors, and taxidermists, must use an approved method of disposal. Deer carcass/parts disposal options:

For Hunters:

- Leave them on the property where the deer was killed
- Use a commercial deer processor, taxidermist, or method listed below

For Taxidermists and Processors

- Dumpster service or permitted solid waste landfill
- Deep burial, incineration, or any other approved method in the Dead Animal Disposal Act (O.C.G.A. § 4-5-1 to 4-5-11)