



Grand Rapids City Hunt - Mandatory CWD Testing

Am I required to have my deer tested for CWD?

Yes, CWD sample submission is **mandatory** for the Grand Rapids City Hunt for all deer harvested within the city during the entire archery, firearms and muzzleloader season.

How do I have my deer tested for CWD? Throughout all seasons, hunters may:

- Drop off their deer heads for sampling at the self-service station located in the truck entrance parking lot at the DNR headquarters at 1201 East Hwy 2, Grand Rapids
 - Please include the appropriate hunt number for permit area (e.g., #995, #931, or #946)
- **Call to make an appointment** to have their deer tested at the Grand Rapids DNR headquarters by calling 218-328-8860.
- Hunters may also use self-sample mail-in kits or the taxidermists partner sampling program.
 - A list of taxidermist partners can be found online at mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html.
 - Self-sample mail-in kits are free and may be requested online at mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-kits.html.
 - Please include the appropriate hunt number for permit area (e.g., #995, #931, or #946) if sending in samples using either of these methods.

Deer should be registered before CWD sampling. Deer will not be registered as part of the sampling process. The hunter must register the deer online, via the mobile app, or at any ELS agent where you purchase licenses.

- Deer harvested by **archery** in the city hunt must be registered under permit area **#995** and tested for CWD (see sampling options above).
- Deer harvested by **firearms** in the city hunt must be registered under permit area **#931** and tested for CWD (see sampling options above).
- Deer harvested by **muzzleloader** in the city hunt must be registered under permit area **#946** and tested for CWD (see sampling options above).

More CWD information is available in the 2026 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet or visit mndnr.gov/cwd.