

INFORMATION FOR HUNTERS ON VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD PROPERTY

The Village of Westfield wishes all hunters with permission to hunt on Village property a safe and successful hunting season. Before heading out on Village property to hunt, please make sure you understand all of the rules prior to heading afield. The following information represents a few of the more important items that you should understand.

- Hunters must have written permission to hunt on Village owned property or they are in violation of the Village's rules and may either be denied future access or will be charged. We require hunters to have permission (granted by the Village Clerk's office) because generally, it is unlawful to trespass on Village watershed or other posted property at any other time. The Clerk issues a permission card that should be on your person at all times while hunting on village property. In order to obtain permission to hunt, you must submit a hunting permission application which includes your full name, address, and telephone number along with a description of the make and model of vehicle that you will be driving and the license plate number. This information is required of all applicants or permission to hunt on Village property will be denied.
- Only residents of the Village and/or Town of Westfield are allowed to hunt on Village owned property. Up to two (2) non-resident guests are allowed to hunt; however, they must be accompanied by a resident with a valid, Village of Westfield issued hunting permission id card.
- Permission to hunt on Village property does **NOT** imply permission to use an ATV, Snowmobile, Motorcycle, Four-wheel drive truck (4x4) or any other vehicle for any reason. Therefore, the use of any vehicle is strictly prohibited. (*Please note, exceptions to this rule include Village employees carrying out their day-to-day work responsibilities, other Village of Westfield authorized individuals e.g. surveyors, watershed management personnel, and gas well attendants for example*) Off duty village employees engaged in hunting on Village property must abide by these rules like everybody else.
- Camping on Village property is strictly prohibited.
- Fires of any kind are prohibited on Village property.
- In order to appropriately conserve and manage precious timber resources, hunters are not allowed to build and or erect any kind of permanent tree stand or use tree steps that "screw" into a tree. The only tree stand devices allowed to be used on village property are non-permanent, "portable" type tree stands that are either roped, strapped, bracketed or chained to a tree. Climbing tree stands are also allowed as long as they do not require the user to puncture the tree. Stands may be hung no sooner than October 1st of each year and removed no later than December 15th of each (the same year as when hung) year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION

SAFE HUNTING!