

2026
MUSKEGON COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER
ARCHERY DEER, ARCHERY TURKEY, ARCHERY COYOTE
HUNTING RULES

ABSOLUTELY NO FIREARMS ALLOWED

Recreational Trespass conviction carries a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and fine of up to \$500

PROCEDURE

Permit Issuance

The Permit sale will consist of two stages:

Stage 1: Qualifying Draw

- Each prospective hunter will submit their Name, Driver's License Number, MDNR 2026 Hunting License number, contact information, and Hunting Zone preference (see attached map) for a qualification drawing.
- Entries may be made in person at the Administrative offices during normal business hours, online at MCResourceRecoveryCenter.com, by email to MCRRC@muskegoncounty.net, or by postal mail using the form provided in these rules.
- Each entrant will be assigned a number that will serve as their ID for the random drawing.
- **Deadline** for entry will be **11:59 P.M., Tuesday, September 1, 2026**. Late entries will not be considered.
- One entry form for each hunter, including minors. Duplicate entries will not be considered.
- A random drawing will be held at **1:00 P.M., Thursday, September 3, 2026**, to establish a roster of participants for the hunt and assign Hunting Zones. The location for the drawing will be **Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center Admin Conference Room**.
- Observers are welcome at the drawing.
- Hunting Zones will be assigned based on availability of the applicant's most preferred Zone at the time of drawing. If the applicant does not include a level of preference for all Zones and their preferred Zone(s) are unavailable when they are drawn, then the applicant will forfeit their opportunity to purchase a permit.
- Each successful applicant will be notified of their success and zone assignment by telephone.
- ALL successful applicants **MUST** read and acknowledge understanding of the rules when purchasing the pass.

Stage 2: Permit Purchase

- **A valid 2026 -2027 MDNR Hunting License and photo ID must be presented at the time of permit purchase.**

- **All hunters will receive a copy of the Hunting Rules and will sign that they will read and follow all rules.**
- Hunting permits will be available for purchase **Monday September 14th through Thursday September 17th 7am-4pm at the RRC Admin Building** (698 N. Maple Island Road).
- ONE permit and one Zone per hunter.
- Each purchaser must complete a Waiver form, sign a Hunting Rules understanding acknowledgement, supply their Driver's License, Hunting License and Proof of Service, if a Veteran (valid DD-214, Active Duty Military ID, or Muskegon County Veteran ID).
- If any permits remain after the Permit Pickup, they will be sold to alternates identified in the initial drawing.
- NO exceptions to these drawing rules.
- Permit holder may **ONLY** hunt in **the selected zone** for the entire season. Hunting outside the assigned zone will result in permit revocation and possible prosecution.

Permit Fees: \$100.00 for the period from October 1, 2026 continuous through January 1, 2027
Military Veterans w/ valid DD-214 or ID Card: No Charge

Turkey Season is from September 15 through November 14, 2026.

Coyote Season is from October 15, 2026 through March 1, 2027

NO REFUNDS!

Hours for hunting shall be one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset, daily (one-half hour before sunset for Turkey). Hours of admittance shall include a reasonable amount of time before and after hunting hours to accommodate setup and takedown activities. Any judgment on admittance times shall be determined by law enforcement officials or county staff on a case-by-case basis.

Access will be from the gates on Apple Ave. and Maple Island Rd. Hunters are restricted to travel on **designated hunting roads** as shown on the attached map.

Parking is the hunter's liability and must be off, but within close proximity of, all roads, not disrupt Wastewater System operations, and not be in the way of irrigation rig towers and drop pipes (to avoid vehicle damage).

Scouting is allowed in advance of the season for hunters that have been issued permits, but 'shining' is prohibited. Scouting will only be permitted in your registered zone after October 1st.

GENERAL RULES

1. The **hunting areas** are depicted on the attached map. Hunting is **not** permitted in the restricted areas. Hunting shall be allowed in the designated areas by PERMIT only. No hunting is permitted on Wastewater property outside the fenced areas (such as north of the fence next to Mosquito Creek). Any questions should be directed to County staff or the Sheriff's Deputy.
2. Archery hunting during the firearm season is subject to all state rules in effect during the firearm season and must be followed (e.g., must wear hunter orange).
3. All hunters shall possess and exhibit a valid and applicable Michigan hunting license, a valid Wastewater permit, and display the Wastewater tag in the window of their vehicle clearly visible from the outside. Each hunter must possess their own Wastewater hunting permit.
4. Hunters' equipment and tag shall be subject to inspection at all times by County staff.

5. **Tree Stand and Blinds:** portable blinds and tree stands will be permitted. **All portable blinds must be removed daily. Tree stands can remain for the season if properly identified.** Proper identification includes a permanently affixed name of the hunter. All tree stands left on site without identification will be removed and confiscated. Tree stands will only be used by the rightful owner. Each hunter is allowed no more than one (1) tree stand OR portable blind. Any misuse or damage to another hunters' tree stand will be grounds for permit revocation and possible prosecution. **Tree stands can be installed beginning 1 week prior to hunting season (Sept 24th) and must be removed 1 week after hunting season (Jan 8th).**
6. No target practice will be permitted within the hunting areas.
7. No arrows shall be discharged within **50** feet of the fenced boundaries of the site.
8. No arrows shall be discharged within 500 feet of any building or mechanical structure, including, but not limited to, exposed pipes, spray irrigation rigs, pumps, etc.
9. No hunting is permitted in areas where harvest or construction activities are in progress.
10. All hunting shall be subject to all applicable laws of the State of Michigan, which shall be strictly enforced.
11. Any person who damages any County property shall be liable for such damage.
12. Violation of these rules by any hunter shall result in the immediate revocation of the permit, and the hunter shall be subject to expulsion from the area as a trespasser as well as prosecution for violating the same or other applicable laws. Revocation of one's permit may result in ineligibility for hunting access in subsequent years.
13. No littering shall be permitted. No bottles or cans will be allowed in the area. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on site at any time.
14. **No driving of deer** is permitted by any means or method. This includes individuals or groups on foot or in vehicles.
15. No "Road Hunting" is permitted. All hunting shall occur from a **fixed location, such as a blind or stand**. Stalking is prohibited.
16. No firearms on person or in the vehicle shall be permitted at any time.
17. No Off-Road Vehicles are permitted on site. Those requiring additional access due to physical disability must contact staff at 231-724-3441, for special permissions and arrangements.

WILD TURKEY HUNTING

Archery hunting of wild turkey will be permitted during the fall season under these rules at no extra fee. The taking of wild turkey shall be subject to all state and county regulations. All archery deer hunting regulations stated in these rules shall also apply. **The hunter must possess appropriate public land permit valid for this zone.**

ARCHERY COYOTE HUNTING

Archery hunting of coyote will be permitted under these rules at no extra fee. The taking of coyote shall be subject to all state and county regulations. In addition **NO DOGS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR COYOTE HUNTING**. Hunting hours shall be one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. All archery deer hunting regulations stated in these rules shall also apply. **The hunter must possess appropriate licenses.**

CONDITIONS

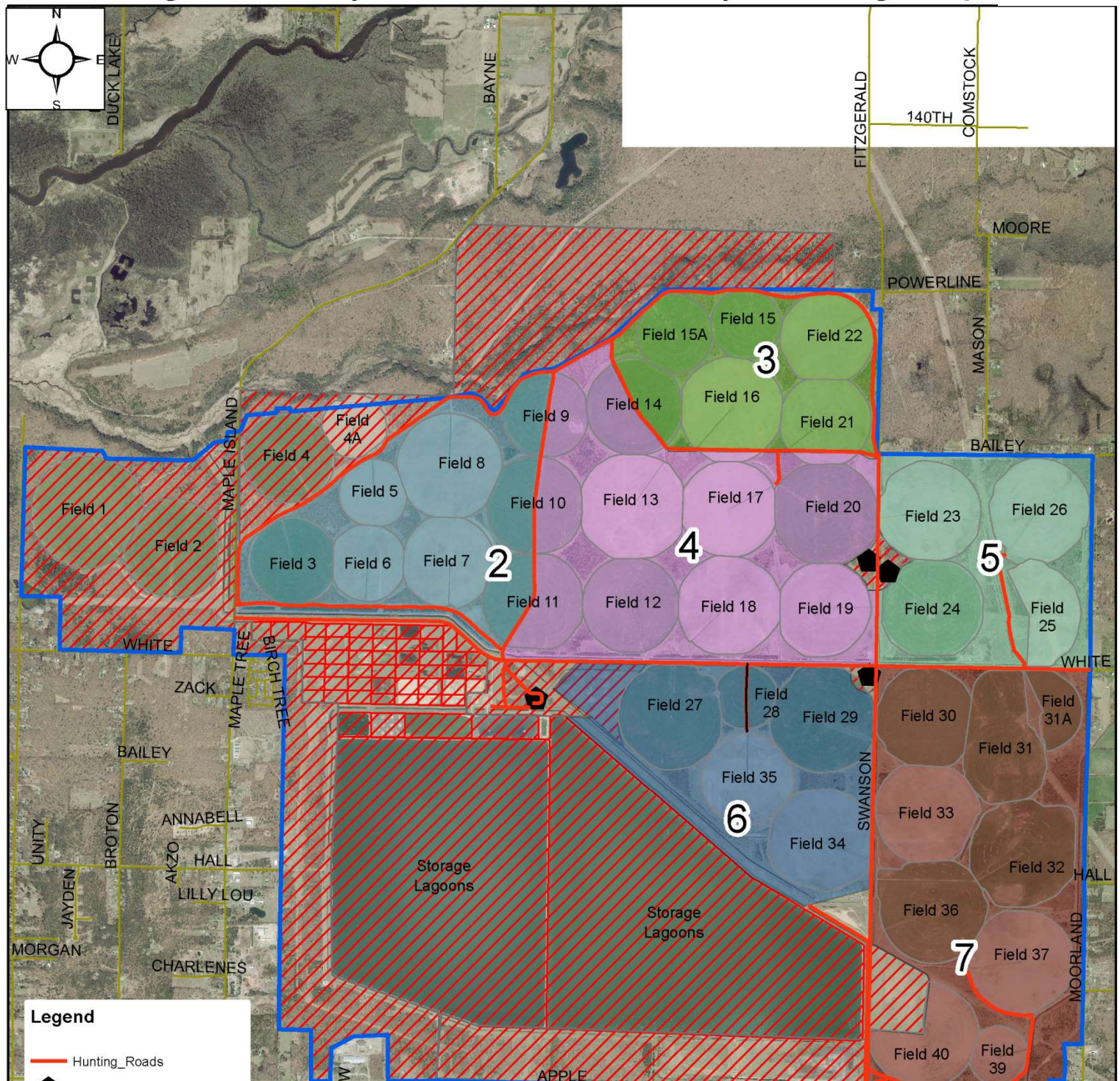
Each hunter shall be liable for any injury or death to persons or damage to property. The County shall not be liable for the recklessness or carelessness of other hunters. Every person shall use reasonable care for his or her own safety.

The County does not represent or guarantee that any game taken from the Wastewater Site is fit for human consumption. Each hunter should carefully examine the game for evidence of illness or disease in the same manner as game from other areas would be examined if used for human consumption.

The permit is granted for archery deer hunting, archery turkey hunting, and archery coyote hunting (as set forth above) purposes only. No other game hunting is permitted by these rules.

The County reserves the right to alter or amend these rules and regulations at any time if circumstances so require. No refunds of permit or other fees will be given.

Muskegon County Resource Recovery Hunting Map 2026



APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE HUNTING PERMIT
AT MUSKEGON COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER

Name of Applicant (PRINT)

Address

City, State, Zip

(____)_____
Telephone Number

Archery Permit (\$100) ☐

Veteran with valid DD-214,

Muskegon County Veteran ID, or (\$0) ☐

Active Duty Military w/ID

Vehicle:

Make _____ Model _____ Plate# _____

hereby makes application for a **SPECIAL USE HUNTING PERMIT** on Muskegon County Resource Recovery System property. By signature, affixed hereto, applicant expressly agrees to comply with all Special Use and Hunting Rules as applicable to the issuance of such permit; applicant further, as a condition to issuance of such permit, acknowledges receipt of copies of said Rules, and applicant furthermore represents that he/she shall comply with all State law requirements regarding the issuance of State licenses, etc., as may be required for undertaking such hunting.

WAIVER AND INDEMNITY

Provided further, applicant acknowledges and agrees, as a further condition to issuance of Permit, that applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Muskegon, its agents, employees, and instrumentalities against any and all claims, demands, suits, loss, including all costs connected therewith, by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury or death and/or property damage including use thereof, which arises out of or is in any way connected with or associated with activities undertaken by applicant under Permit issued on the basis of this application.

Signature of Applicant or
Signature for Minor Child

Date

New for 2026! You will receive a mandatory Hunting Survey (accessible online or a paper copy in person at the RRC admin office). Failure to complete and return the survey will result in ineligibility for future hunting seasons.

- Remember: Recreational Trespass conviction carries a penalty of up to 90 days in jail and fine of up to \$500

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Hunting Drawing Application

Applicant Name: First _____ Last _____ MI _____
Address: Street _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Driver's License (or State Personal ID) Number _____
MDNR Archery Deer License Number: _____
Email: _____

Hunting Zone Preference - Rank Priority (#1 most preferred to #6 least preferred)

Zone 2 _____ Zone 3 _____ Zone 4 _____ Zone 5 _____ Zone 6 _____ Zone 7 _____

Mail or Deliver to: Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center
698 N Maple Island Rd
Muskegon, MI 49442

Email delivery: MCRRC@muskegoncounty.net

Online form: MCResourceRecoveryCenter.com

(231) 724-3440 (Entries not accepted by telephone.)

- All entries must be *delivered*, (in person, electronically or by mail) by:
11:59 P.M., Tuesday, September 1, 2026.
- Drawing will occur at **1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 3, 2026.**
- Approximately 100 entries will be chosen at random.
- Those applicants drawn will be contacted by telephone and informed of zone based on preference noted in the application above at time of drawing.
- Permit pickup, **ONLY** for those whose names were drawn, will be available for purchase
Monday, September 14th through Thursday, September 17th 7am-4pm at the RRC Admin Building (698 N. Maple Island Road).
- If you are not drawn, you will not be contacted.
- Thank you for your participation and understanding.

OFFICE USE

Draw Number _____

Contacted _____