

Maintenance Memorandum

PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING ROAD-KILLED DEER INQUIRIES BY CITIZENS

It is understood that Department of Natural Resources (DNR), County Road Commission, and Department of Transportation office personnel, when answering complaints of dead deer found on private property adjacent to roadways, respond uniformly, in the following manner, by:

1. Not referring caller to another agency.
2. Advising caller that the public agency receiving the call does not remove deer carcasses from land under control of the property owner unless the agency itself volunteers to do it.
3. Advising the caller of the telephone number of dead animal rendering companies if any serve the area.
4. Advising the caller of the telephone number of the county animal control agency if the agency does pick up carcasses.
5. Advising the caller that they may keep the dead deer for consumption if they get the necessary permit from authorized highway supervision, law enforcement, or DNR officer.
6. Advising the caller they can bury the deer on their own land.

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