

MDC says registration is open for landowners

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds landowners that registration is now open for landowners seeking free or discounted deer and turkey hunting permits. Applications can be completed and submitted online, or printed applications can be picked up at MDC offices. The applications must be completed by the landowner. Some MDC offices can assist with inputting the completed applications into the Landowner Permit Registry.

MDC advises submitting applications now to complete landowner registration prior to turkey and deer hunting seasons. The registry will allow landowners to obtain permits through MDC's online system, at MDC offices, or over the counter at participating vendors. A registry will help the Department, vendors and landowners have clarity on who is eligible for free or reduced-price permits. Resident landowners meeting the qualifications may obtain free permits, and nonresident landowners who qualify can get permits at a reduced cost.

Starting this year, resident landowners with 20 or more contiguous acres and nonresident landowners with 75 or more contiguous acres may qualify for landowner deer and turkey permits. Each qualifying household member must complete their own landowner registry application. No additional proof of land ownership is required besides the information about the property listed on the application. According to MDC, the landowner registry is needed by both the Department and permit vendors to help eliminate misuse of landowner permits and privileges.

To learn more about the Landowner Registry or to apply, visit the secure MDC webpage at <https://mdc.mo.gov/landownerpermits>.

In MDC's Kansas City Region, the following MDC offices can provide print applications and assist landowners with inputting completed applications: Kansas City Regional Office, Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, Clinton office, El Dorado Springs office, Lost Valley Fish Hatchery, and Sedalia office. The Burr Oak Woods Nature Center in Blue Springs can provide printed applications but cannot input completed applications.

In MDC's Northwest Region, the Northwest Regional Office in St. Joseph and the Chillicothe office can provide print applications and assist with completed applications.

Landowners can also request an application by sending an email to permits@mdc.mo.gov; or call MDC Permit Services at 573-522-0107; or mail a request to Missouri Department of Conservation, Permit Services-Landowner, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102-0180. The permits can also be applied for through the MO Hunting app available at <http://mdc.mo.gov>.