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October 25th, 2024

Dear Wildlife Damage Control Operator:

Thank you for your cooperation over the past year as we made changes to the Wildlife Damage Control permits process. Your feedback throughout the year has helped us determine if these changes benefited both our Permits team and you, the operator.

For the 2024-2025 permit year, please note the following:

1. We have removed the required Survey123 online reporting, and you may submit your report(s) due at renewal using the updated reporting forms available on our website. These forms require a signature and must be completed and submitted, even if you did not complete work during the permit year. If you have already completed your report via Survey123, this will be accepted, and you do not have to resubmit your report.
 - a. In regulation with COMAR 08.03.15.27, a separate bat colony exclusion form is required at renewal if you are authorized to complete work with bats. More information can be found on our website.
 - b. A new business reporting form is available with a line to include a last name and permit number for each job. This was created with businesses that have one person generating reports in mind.
 - c. These forms are available on our website. These may be filled out by hand, or digitally, and submitted via email or mail. If you would like an Excel format of the forms to complete via Excel or Google Sheets, please send us an email requesting so. If you require a paper copy, please email us and let us know if you would like a paper copy of the report forms mailed to you with your current mailing address.
2. Our website has been updated to include clearer instructions and information. This website update also includes a “Wildlife Damage Control Information Guide”, which covers general information regarding the permit process and regulations, including a summary of operations and procedures, information on bats and exclusions, dispositions by species, and other key information you may need as an operator.
3. For bat colony exclusions taking place during the active colony period (March 1st-August 31st), letter of exemptions will not be issued unless the homeowner *and* operator complete their separate forms. This is to verify that the homeowner is not falsifying information and using your company information without your knowledge.
4. Starting November 8th, send all documents and questions to wildlifepermits.dnr@maryland.gov. Amber Staples, Assistant Permits Coordinator, is moving to a new position and will no longer be processing damage control permits. “Thank you for a wonderful year as Assistant Permits Coordinator! It has been a pleasure to handle permits for wildlife damage control and communicate with you all.” – Amber Staples

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Please visit our website and information guide for more information. If you have any further questions that were not answered on the website or guide, please contact the Wildlife Permits Administrator at wildlifepermits.dnr@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



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