

## Deer Problems

With the constant development and construction of new homes in our area, the resident deer have less area to habitat.

Through necessity the deer have learned to live side by side with the human population. They have found our extensive landscaping to be quite delicious. They have learned for the most part, to avoid roadways during peak traffic hours. They have discovered that bird feeders have very tasty grains in them. When they have their young they find secluded yards to leave them in while they look for food. For the most part deer have learned to cope with our urban sprawl.

Unfortunately there are times when deer do become injured or sick. If a deer is involved in a collision with a car they are usually the loser. If you find a deer injured or dead on the roadway you should notify your police department.

If a deer appears limping or bleeding you should notify the Police. They will determine if animal control needs to respond.

If you notice a deer lying down in your yard that does not mean something is wrong with the deer. Deer will chose yards with bushes and pines trees, they will settle into these locations usually for a day, leaving at night. If there is snow or foul weather they may choose to stay for a few days. It is these moments that you should enjoy the opportunity that living in Northern New Jersey affords you. Enjoy these beautiful animals from a distance. Do not attempt to approach or feed them. Deer, when they feel threatened can charge, kick, or bite you.