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## Field Preparation and Shipping

[How to Prepare your Deer for Mounting](#)

### Shoulder Mounts

Do not cut throat. When field dressing the animal, cut up the belly and stop at the sternum (breastbone). If possible, hang by rear legs from a gambrel.

Cut off the front feet @ the knee joint. Cut up the rear edge of front legs (on a deer; where the long brown hair joins the white hair) all the way to his armpit, then turn the blade 90 degrees and cut out toward the tail about 8 inches. Then, simply circle around the deer's torso.

Make no more cuts. Skin the deer as far down his neck as you can, then cut the head from the carcass, being careful not to cut the skin. Let the head cool, then put in a plastic bag and ice or freeze as soon as possible. For best results, bring your trophy as soon as possible to prevent spoiling or freezer burn.

### Life size

Do not gut small mammals. Do not try to skin; we prefer to make all incisions. Ice carefully or freeze whole. If you cannot freeze, bring in as soon as possible.

### Birds and Fish

Do not gut. Wipe off blood, mud, wrap in paper towels, put in plastic bag, and ice or freeze as soon as possible. Tuck the bird's head under wing. Wrap your trophy fish in a wet towel and ice heavily or put in plastic bag and freeze. Migratory birds require pre-payment, license number and signature of hunter.

All protected birds require permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service and/or your state's game department.

### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Fri 8am -630pm

Saturday 9am -630pm

Sunday 12- 6pm