



POST-HUNT GEAR CARE CHECKLIST: CLEAN AND MAINTAIN YOUR GEAR

1. Safety First

- Ensure all firearms or bows are unloaded and safe.
- Store ammunition or arrows separately.
- Place all sharp tools or knives in their respective sheaths or cases.

2. Firearms & Bows

- Disassemble firearm or bow as per manufacturer's guidelines.
- Clean barrel and action of firearms using a bore brush and cleaning solvent.
- Lubricate moving parts of firearms with appropriate gun oil.
- Clean and inspect bowstrings, cables, and cams for any signs of wear or damage.
- Store firearms and bows in a cool, dry place.

3. Optics (Binoculars, Scopes, Rangefinders)

- Wipe lenses with a soft, lint-free cloth.
- Clean any dirt or debris from the casing.
- Check for any signs of moisture inside and ensure it's dry before storing.
- Store in their protective cases.

4. Clothing & Footwear

- Check for any damage or tears and repair as necessary.
- Remove any dirt or debris by brushing or shaking out.
- Wash hunting clothing separately using a scent-free detergent.
- Dry thoroughly, preferably in open air.
- Clean boots using a brush and water. Dry them fully before storing.



- Store clothing and footwear in a cool, dry place.

5. **Backpack & Storage Equipment**

- Empty all contents and check for leftover items.
- Clean or wipe down the interior and exterior.
- Repair any damages, broken zippers, or tears.
- Ensure all compartments are dry before storing.
- Store in a cool, dry place.

6. **Knives & Tools**

- Clean any blood, dirt, or debris using warm water and mild soap.
- Sharpen blades as needed.
- Lubricate folding mechanisms if applicable.
- Store in their respective sheaths or protective cases.

7. **Decoys & Calls**

- Clean decoys with warm water and mild soap. Check for damages.
- Dry thoroughly before storing.
- Clean and sanitize calls. Ensure they are dry before storing.
- Store in a cool, dry place.

8. **Camping Gear (if used)**

- Clean and air out tents.
- Check sleeping bags and mats for damages. Clean if necessary.
- Ensure all cooking equipment is cleaned and dry.
- Store gear in a cool, dry place.

9. **Miscellaneous**

- Check batteries in all electronic devices (e.g., GPS, flashlights) and replace if necessary.
- Make a note of any gear that needs to be replaced or replenished for the next hunt.
- Update any licenses or permits as necessary.

10. **Storage**

- Ensure all gear is stored in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight.



- Keep gear organized for easier access for the next trip.



This checklist provides a comprehensive overview of the steps necessary to properly care for hunting gear post-hunt. It can be customized further based on specific gear or personal preferences.

