

## Whitetail Postseason To-Do List

### Post Season Gear Check:

1. Thoroughly clean your bow or gun, wax your bow strings and remove oxidation from all metal
2. Your clothes have taken a beating during the season. Wash your clothes in scent eliminating detergent and thoroughly dry and store them in an airtight container
3. Take care of your electronics—game cameras, range finders, headlamps etc... Remove batteries, clean the battery contacts and store in a dry place
4. Gear inevitably breaks or just needs upgraded. This time of year is great for finding sales to replace gear on a bargain

### Post Season Land Access:

1. Start planning next year's hunts
2. Investigate opportunities to expand your land access in state and out of state
  - a. Is a land lease the right option
  - b. Getting access still works the old fashioned way too—knocking on doors asking permission
  - c. Look onto public lands you've not investigated or hunted

### Post Season Land Assessment:

1. Assess what habitat enhancements could be made on your hunting property and make a plan for your updates
2. Put your trail cameras back to work and start figuring out what bucks made it through hunting season
3. Late winter/early spring is a great time to get out and do some scouting, especially if you have a light snow to show areas of high traffic
4. Late winter/early spring is a great opportunity to locate new stand locations and clear shooting lanes
5. Shed hunt...go find the leftover bone from this season to help determine what bucks will be around next fall

### Increase Your Accuracy:

1. Joining a club is a great way to stay connected to the sport and get the competitive juices flowing
2. Go to a local archery range and talk shop with some of the staff. They're a great source of information, and most love to share their knowledge
3. Practice at home in your backyard, at elevation if possible
4. Do what you love and sharpen your accuracy by hunting small game