

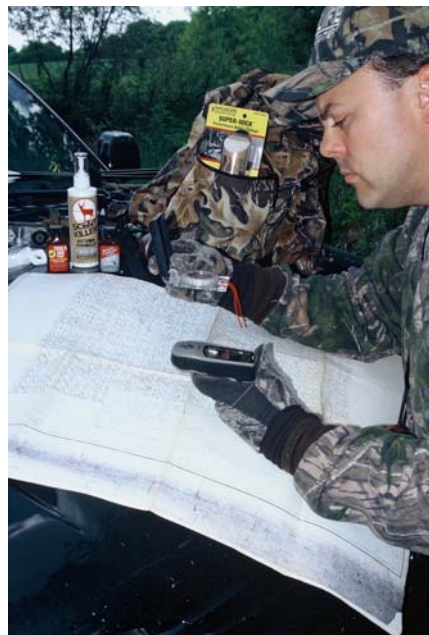
Keep Your Stands “Smoking Hot” By Wildlife Research Center®

You’ve probably heard that the first time you hunt a stand is your best chance of intercepting that trophy buck you’re hoping to tag. It’s true. However, the reason this is true is because the deer doesn’t know he’s being hunted yet. After you set-up the first time, it may become apparent the hunt is on.

There are a lot of variables that can lead to diminished returns from a tree stand. If a deer sees you moving in the stand or walking to or from the stand, it will surely tip your hand. But the number one overlooked factor is leaving behind **lingering human odor**.

One major misconception when it comes to scent elimination is that it’s only beneficial for the hunt you’re on. That couldn’t be farther from the truth. Scent elimination practices may play a more important role **after the hunt**, than they do while you’re actually on stand.

Most hunters believe hunting downwind from where they expect the deer to pass by, reduces their chances of being scented. Although this is true to a point, there is clearly more to be concerned about. If you intend to hunt this stand again, any odor you



leave in the area is a serious problem.

If a hunter has not taken steps to reduce human odor before the hunt, the stand location will accumulate **human odor**



molecules. These **human odor molecules** will collect on the vegetation around the stand that's occupied. The path taken in and out from the hunting site is also a concern. Any animal with a sense of smell equal to that of a whitetail will have no problem detecting this alarm scent. Depending on conditions, the **human odor molecules** can be detectable

for days to come. **Human odor molecules** can also be left behind from boots where you walked and left on the vegetation where you brushed against it with your hands or clothing while slipping in and out from your stand. It's really the last thing you want if you plan on hunting the same stand in the near future.

While the hunter is on stand, deer might come through up-wind from the hunter and never smell him. Shortly after sunset, the hunter heads back to camp. After this, other deer are likely to come by the stand and site. If they notice the telltale signs of a predator, the deer have been educated and most likely put on alert status. It is quite likely that for some time, they may take a different route or avoid the area

altogether, especially if the deer happens to be a mature buck.

Had the hunter utilized the Scent Killer System™ before taking step one toward his stand location, he would have dramatically reduced the amount of human odor molecules left behind. Had that hunter taken steps to reduce his human odor, this stand would most likely still be hot. However, without these simple steps, this stand's trophy potential has been greatly diminished.

Imagine for a moment that you had a portable smoker in your tree stand. The lit smoker would send out very visible smoke going with the breeze and thermals away from and around your stand location. You would get a very good picture of what the wind is doing and at the same time get a clear picture to where your **human odor molecules** were being deposited. It would most likely amaze you, if you could see what a deer can smell. It's very important to avoid leaving **human odor molecules** at your stand location or the route to and from it, if you want to maximize the stand's **ongoing** trophy potential.

If you reduce the amount of human scent molecules to a low enough level, a deer coming though may not even notice them. As the hours pass, they will be even less likely to be detectable.

Besides taking steps to reduce your human scent, a great tactic for



going to and from you stand is to pick a route that does not cross the areas where you most expect the deer to pass by. If you expect the deer to mainly be in front of your stand, come in and go out the back way.

Reducing human odor molecules to whatever extent the time and situation allows is a must, if you want to be consistently successful.