The facts

Non-lead ammunition is designed as a premium option. As with any change to a new type of ammunition, there are techniques for success. Learn more at huntingwithnonlead.org.

Non-lead ammunition is available in a wide range of calibers both online and at major retail outlets. Options at local ammunition retailers may vary. Talk with your local dealer for details. Purchasing from a custom loader or reloading can give you more bullet options and more accurate ammunition, but may cost more.

Make sure to clean and maintain your firearms properly. Non-lead fouls the barrel the same as copper-jacketed lead bullets.

A legacy of conservation

- America’s first conservationists were hunters.
- Hunters help to manage resources for healthy wildlife.
- They have generated billions of dollars for conservation since the 1930s.

Using non-lead ammunition is a way to continue this proud tradition. Many hunters are making the switch because they find that non-lead bullets offer the same great performance they would expect from any premium ammunition. And they hold one distinct advantage: they are healthier for humans and wildlife.

Information in this brochure is drawn from dozens of scientific studies and years of research. For more details, visit huntingwithnonlead.org.
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Non-lead bullets
Non-lead bullets were initially developed in the 1980s as a premium, high performance alternative. They are now available in a wide variety for different types of hunting.

Monolithic hollow-point and tipped bullets
Monolithic bullets made of copper and copper alloys expand rapidly and penetrate deeply through vitals on big game and large predators.

Frangible bullets
The non-lead cores are designed for maximum shock and minimum pelt damage on small game and furbearers.

Rim-fire
A variety of non-lead rim-fire cartridges are available in frangible and solid hollow point.

Shotgun Slugs

Slugs for rifled and smooth barrels
Sabot slugs for rifled barrels and rifled slugs for smooth barrels offer exceptional accuracy and performance on big game.

Muzzleloader Options
Sabots, full bore bullets, and alloys for round balls are available for inline and traditional muzzleloaders.

Shot Shells
Tungsten, bismuth, and steel are all proven non-lead options for upland game. Be sure your shotgun and choke tube are approved for use with your chosen shot type.

Tungsten
Tungsten-based shot is denser than lead and is recommended for shotguns rated for steel.

Bismuth
Soft and dense, bismuth is a great choice for older shotguns with softer barrels.

Steel
The least dense shot option is also the most economical. Shotguns must be rated to shoot steel shot (most modern firearms are).

GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NON-LEAD AMMUNITION. Visit HuntingWithNonLead.org for tips for success.