



# Landowner FAQ: Can I relocate live beavers?

**The short answer: No!**

**The longer answer:** Unfortunately, laws in the Mid-Atlantic states do not allow relocation of live beavers. Relocation is both costly and logically challenging, even in places that allow it.

Some of those challenges include:

- Families of beavers must be trapped and moved together
- Need for an appropriate facility to house the animals in between capture and release
- Need for an appropriate release site with good quality habitat and no existing beavers present
- Live trapping can only be done certain times of the year
- Risk of simply moving the 'problem' from one place to another, especially in more heavily developed areas
- Risk of disease transmission
- Need for a substantial amount of labor and coordination across multiple partners and stakeholders
- Extremely limited funding

Moving live beavers without considering these factors is irresponsible and illegal in many places.

## Consider coexistence:

We can often help land managers address concerns with tree damage and/or flooding with nonlethal management strategies. Please visit [coexistwithbeavers.org](http://coexistwithbeavers.org) for more information or send an email to [azak@coexistwithbeavers.org](mailto:azak@coexistwithbeavers.org).