

GENERAL GOOSE HARASSMENT GUIDELINES

This sheet is designed to help the landowner, corporation, or organization alleviate problems associated with Canada geese. **The key to solving the problem is to make your property less attractive to Canada geese, and to utilize scare tactics immediately when geese show up.** Rounding up Canada geese and destroying their nests and eggs are **NOT** effective long-term solutions and will only be authorized as a last resort. Please go to our website (www.ohiodnr.com/gooseconflict) or call the nearest Division of Wildlife District Office listed on this guide if you have additional questions or are in need of further assistance.



CONTROL TECHNIQUES

Pre-nesting Season - Winter/Spring (December - March):

- 1) **Allow and encourage hunting of geese during legal seasons!** Where legal and safe, hunting is strongly recommended.
- 2) Stop **ALL** feeding immediately.
- 3) Stop pond aeration to allow ponds to freeze, forcing geese to relocate.
- 4) Stop fertilizing grass areas. Fertilized grass is more nutritious and attractive to geese.
- 5) Install a barrier at least 18 inches tall around the entire lake or pond perimeter. Tightly stretched wire strands or fencing works best. Fishing line is often ineffective for this purpose.
- 6) Use scare devices (dogs, shell crackers, mylar flagging, propane cannons, balloons spaced 5 per acre) to deter potential nesting geese on the property.
- 7) Place a stainless steel wire (14 ga.) grid spaced at five foot intervals one foot or so above the surface of ponds. You must have a fairly constant water level. This works well for non-recreational ponds where aesthetics are a concern.
- 8) Keep or make pond banks steep: maintain at least a one foot drop to the water level.

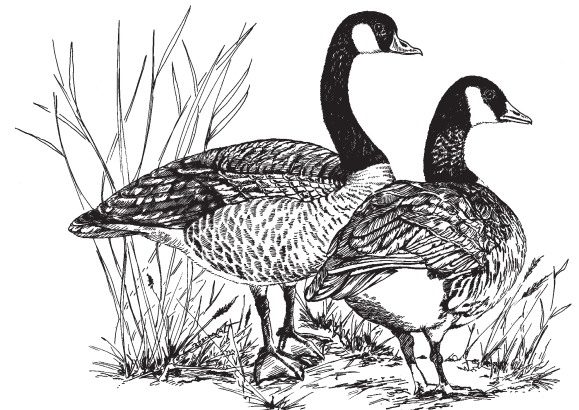
Nesting Season - Nests present on the property (March - May):

Eggs and nests of geese are protected by federal law and may not be disturbed or destroyed without authorization. A permit is not required to merely scare, repel, or herd geese, provided no attempt is made to confine the birds or destroy their nests. Nest/egg destruction will only provide temporary relief, and is **NOT** a successful long-term solution. If the site is not made less attractive, adult geese will only return to nest on your property next year, or other geese will take their place.

A permit from the Division of Wildlife is **REQUIRED** to destroy nests and eggs, and all permit conditions must be adhered to. However, this permit will only be authorized as a last resort when scare techniques have proven ineffective. Nest/egg destruction can be performed (at the landowner's expense) by the landowner, a landowner-designated agent, or by a private pest control operator.

Long Term:

Allow and encourage hunting of geese during legal seasons! Where legal and safe, hunting is strongly recommended to remove geese from the local population, and discourage their return. Ohio's Early Canada goose season, which is held in September, is an especially effective time to hunt local geese. **Constant harassment, habitat alterations, and hunting** are the most effective long-term solutions to reduce goose problems. Continue to make your property unattractive to geese by following and implementing the above guidelines.



GOOSE HARASSMENT SUPPLIES

Most companies offer a variety of products.

- **BIRD-B-GONE**

(800) 392-6915 • www.birdbgone.com

- **Birdbusters**

(886) 915-8225 • www.birdbusters.com

- **Bird-X, Inc.**

(800) 662-5021 • www.bird-x.com

- **Margo Supplies, Ltd.**

(888) 652-1199 • www.margosupplies.com

- **Reed-Joseph International Co.**

(800) 647-5554 • www.reedjoseph.com

- **Sutton Ag Enterprises, Inc.**

(866) 280-6229 • www.suttonag.com

- **Wildlife Control Technology, Inc.**

(800) 235-0262 • www.wildlife-control.com

LIQUID SPRAY REPELLANTS

- **Goose Chase (Methyl Anthranilate)**

300 N. Elizabeth St., Chicago, IL 60607 • www.bird-x.com

- **RejeX-iT (Methyl Anthranilate)**

PO Box 6015 Fort Wayne, IN 46896 (866) 532-4737 • www.rejexit.com

- **Flight Control (Anthraquinone)**

(877) 554-3373 www.flightcontrol.com

DOGS

- **Varmit Guard - Jared Miller**

(614) 794-8169

Services provided statewide.

- **A-1 Wildlife Removal** (614) 231-4667

Services provided in Dublin area

- **Martin Lodge** (440) 236-5353

Services provided in southwestern Cuyahoga County area

- **Ohio Geese Control - Jeff Hower**

(216) 228-4822 or (216) 403-9370

E-mail: jeff@ohiogeesecontrol.com Services provided in Cleveland/Akron area.

- **Greg Miller Animal Control - Steve Suder**

(440) 232-2964

Services provided in Cleveland/Akron area.

- **All Creatures Big and Small - Paul Badgett**

(330) 499-7074

Services provided in the Stark County area.

- **Geese-B-Gone**

(859) 240-7727

Services provided in southwestern Ohio.

- **Wild Geese Control - Michelle Hegedis**

(440) 679-8828

Services provided in Lake, Geauga, and Cuyahoga counties.

- **Geese Management Services, LLC - Stan Custer**

(513) 604-4035 www.geesemanagementservices.com

Services provided in Cincinnati and Dayton

- **Go Geese Go - Pat Lee**

(614) 841-4663 • pat_lee@gogeesego.com •

www.gogeesego.com Services provided in Columbus area to 15 miles beyond I-270.

- **GooseBusters - Judi Wilkinson**

(330) 715-0497 • goosebusters@aol.com

Services provided in Summit County area.

- **Duck Duck Goose Wildlife Control**

(614) 604-3023

Services provided in Columbus area.

- **The Goosebuster-Mark Dormire**

(937) 239-5324, (937) 414-0167

email: thegoosebuster@yahoo.com www.thegoosebuster.com;
Services provided in Dayton/Cincinnati/Columbus.

- **Advanced Wildlife Management - Chris O'banion**

(937) 750-8727

Services provided in Dayton/Cincinnati.

This list is presented as a courtesy to the public. The Division of Wildlife does not endorse any of the vendors listed above.

Please contact these offices should you need technical assistance or additional information.

CONTACTS

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Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 644-3925

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Division of Wildlife D-4

Wildlife Management
360 East State St.
Athens, OH 45701
(740) 589-9930

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Northwest Ohio

Division of Wildlife D-2

Wildlife Management
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Findlay, OH 45840
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Southwest Ohio

Division of Wildlife D-5

Wildlife Management
1076 Old Springfield Pike
Xenia, OH 45385
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Northeast Ohio

Division of Wildlife D-3

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