

How to control Canada geese

Ways to rid of Canada geese recommended by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources:

- Do not feed ducks and geese.
- Plant wildflowers, bushes or trees along the edge of water. Geese prefer an uninterrupted walk to the water.
- Put rocks at least two feet in diameter or a fence around the water.
- Suspend a grid system of wire or tape over the top of the water.
- Make loud noises at irregular intervals to scare them.
- Spray them with high-pressure water.
- Use chemical repellents on grass.
- Destroy nests when there are no eggs in them. Canada geese begin nesting in late February and March.
- After eggs have been laid, you need to get permission from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to destroy them. To get that permission, go to www.fms.gov/permits/mbpermits/goosegregistration.html.
- Geese can be trapped and relocated or trapped and killed only with a permit from DNR district wildlife biologists.
- For more information on Canada geese and getting rid of them go to www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/hunt/geese or www.ppd1.purdue.edu/PPDL/expert/Canada_Geese.html
- You can also call the Nuisance Wildlife Information Hotline at (800) 893-4116 or district wildlife biologist Linda Byer at (574) 896-3572.