

Canada Goose Force Kit Resources to Help Canada Geese in Your Community



The National Goose Protection Coalition (NGPC) which is sponsored by In Defense of Animals (IDA), works in collaboration with nation-wide community partners and animal advocates to raise awareness about Canada geese lethal round-ups.

If you would like to discuss the Canada geese population in your area, the following resources have been compiled to help resolve the issues.

Our Network:

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Levinson at geese@idausa.org with any questions about the resources below from our coalition. You can also find helpful tools on our website: www.stopgooseabuse.org

Before making any final decisions please watch the videos below to see what a goose roundup entails:

- [IDA Goose video](#)
- [IDA & CGPC video](#)

Furthermore, a lethal roundup of healthy Canada geese populations without public engagement can be a [public relations nightmare](#).

The Importance of Changing Human Behavior:

Canada geese are native to North America. Human mismanagement and landscape designs create environments, which attract Canada geese populations. A perceived expedient method to engage with Canada geese populations is to sign a contract with United States Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services Division and statewide Departments of Natural Resources. Most contracts are easily renewed each year, so the financial investment in lethal goose management increases exponentially over time.

We urge decision makers to consider working with constituent publics and residents on non-lethal measures to engage with healthy Canada geese populations. Successful remediation involves landscape modification with riparian buffers and simple changes in

human behavior such as not feeding the geese and not dumping domestic geese. Please see our resources below for examples of nonlethal goose remediation strategies.

Get Your Community Involved:

Announcing a Canada geese lethal roundup, which is sometimes referred to as a culling, without transparency and adequate time for public comment invites negative public relations and may expose decision-makers to unwanted liability. Following the guidelines below, your community can maintain good public relations, provide education and raise awareness about Canada geese, which encourages dialogue about human and non-human animal coexistence. This approach can provide a win-win situation for all stakeholders.

Transparency is key for community involvement. We recommend public announcements and meetings to review plans months in advance of any key decisions. This strategy will prevent the community from reacting with alarm and anger to your decisions.

NGPC can provide helpful resources to educate your community:

- Free webinars to decision-makers and community members
- Design and provide signs to educate the public about waterfowl issues
- Expert guidance for Canada geese engagement
- [Materials on lethal roundups](#)

Here are some informative materials on non-lethal goose remediation strategies:

- [Riparian buffer pamphlet](#)
- [Riparian buffer presentation](#)
- [Water quality issues are not necessarily goose-related](#)
- [Human mismanagement](#)
- [FlightTurf®](#)
- [Tow and Collect Machine](#) - picks up poop and debris for your neighborhood
- [Egg Oiling](#) - with proper training (must file for a permit)
- Combine sonic repellents and [professionally trained herd dogs](#)
- Allow local predators to reduce goose populations naturally - raccoons, skunks, foxes, coyotes, crows, snakes, snapping turtles, hawks, eagles, and owls eat goose eggs and sometimes prey on goslings and/or adult geese