

Wild Goose Chase

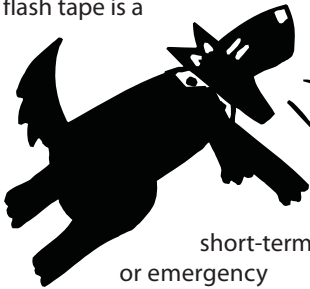
Ways to keep geese from wearing out their welcome

HAZING

- Repeatedly and vigorously chasing geese from the property will cause geese to relocate. Dogs confined to the problem area by an electronic "invisible fence" may be useful in some situations.
- Noise-making scare devices are a type of pyrotechnics and can sometimes be used to haze geese from your property. Because these devices are often offensive to neighbors, check local ordinances before purchasing or using pyrotechnic devices.

BARRIER FENCING AND TAPE

- Bird scare tape or bird flash tape is a



short-term or emergency strategy to reduce

problems from geese walking onto your yard. Bird scare tape is most effective with small numbers of geese that have other mowed grass areas they can move to. It's not effective if geese are flying into your yard. Locate the tape where it is visible to the geese.

- Energized fencing can effectively and practically reduce geese grazing on your yard. It is useful in situations more severe than hazing or bird scare tape can handle. Barrier fences can be constructed from woven wire, chicken wire, plastic snow fence, corn cribbing, chain-link, netting, or a picket fence. An effective barrier fence for walking Canadian geese uses durable material with openings

no larger than 3 inches by 3 inches that is at least 30 inches high. Before you build any fence, check local ordinances at your planning and zoning office.

LANDSCAPING

- Landscaping your shoreline to make it less attractive for Canadian geese and their broods is considered the most effective long-term and environmentally sound method of reducing goose problems to individual yards and lawns. Canada geese

avoid using areas where plants obstruct



their view of the surrounding area.

- Leave a dense strip of naturally occurring trees and shrubs (20-30 feet wide) along the shoreline. A narrow (3-4 feet wide) S-shaped footpath can provide access to the lake. A continuous band of emergent aquatic plants such as cattails in the water in front of your shoreline may reduce goose use of your yard.
- An unmowed shoreline buffer of native grasses and wild flowers that grow 20-30 inches tall in a strip 20-30 feet wide along the shoreline can discourage goose visits. Native grasses generally remain standing even after winter snows have compacted most other grasses. Use a mowed S-shaped footpath (3-4 feet wide) to provide access from your yard to the shoreline.