

Living With Wildlife: GEESE & DUCKS



ISSUE - ELIMINATING ON LAWNS

Note: *Waterfowl will most commonly eliminate on freshly mowed grass and any natural vegetation that has been cleared around your pond or lake. These open areas provide food for grazing geese and ducks (particularly Canada Geese), space to take off and land, and an unobstructed sightline to scan for predators.*



Suggestions:

- **Plant shrubs:** Ensure they are at least 30 inches tall so open areas are less than 30 feet across.
- **Allow grass to grow:** Let it grow 6 inches or more to avoid tempting, tender new shoots that waterfowl may eat.
- **Create a barrier:** If they are entering the property from a body of water, plant a thick barrier of native plants around the edges of the lake or pond.
- **Use scare tactics:** Implement devices such as big-eye balloons, streamers, flags, scarecrows and noisemakers. Vary tactics used and placement intermittently.
- **Apply taste aversion products:** These can be costly, specifically when covering a large area, and are not an ideal long-term solution.