



# APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR 2026 CANADA GOOSE NEST/EGG DESTRUCTION

Required under the authority of the Wildlife Conservation Order, Chapter V,  
Sections 5.51, 5.51a, 5.51b, 5.52b, and 5.110.

This form is the application and permit for nest destruction. After being approved and signed by the Director's authorized representative, it becomes a valid permit. A permit is required to participate in any goose nest/egg destruction activity. Permit eligibility requirements and additional information is on the back of this form.

APPLICANT INFORMATION	PROPERTY INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT)		
Applicant	Site Contact	Telephone	
Mailing Address	Site Address		
City, State, ZIP	City, State, ZIP		
Telephone	Name of Site (lake, park, etc.) <b>**One site per application**</b>		
Email Address	Township/City	County	Nearest Crossroad
Have you previously completed the training session? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
If yes, when and where			
Who will do the nest/egg destruction? <input type="checkbox"/> Myself <input type="checkbox"/> Myself with others assisting <input type="checkbox"/> Private Contractor			
Name of Private Contractor			

**TYPE OF APPLICATION (PLEASE CHECK ONE)**

LAKE ASSOCIATION, LAKE AND/OR SITE WITH MULTIPLE PROPERTY OWNERS (must have resolution or petition)

COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE

**LAKE INFORMATION (COMPLETE ONLY IF PROVIDING A PETITION FOR A SITE WITH MULTIPLE PROPERTY OWNERS)**

Number of Lakeshore Landowners	Lakeshore Length
Number of lakeshore Landowners Signatures	Do you have at least 100 birds or more at this time? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**CERTIFICATION**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 9.**

*I have read, understand, and will comply with the terms and conditions of the permit. If applicable, I have provided a copy of the petition/resolution to the Michigan DNR, and at least seventy percent of the lakefront owners have signed the petition authorizing Canada goose nest destruction.*

*I understand this permit does not authorize trespass.*

*Further, I assure the Michigan DNR that lakefront landowners or sites with multiple property owners have been notified of Canada goose program activities.*

Applicant Signature	Date
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Please send completed and **signed** application to:  
**MI.Goose.Permits@usda.gov (preferred)**

or

**USDA APHIS Wildlife Services**  
2803 Jolly Road, Suite 100  
Okemos, MI 48864  
FAX: 517-336-1934

**AGENCY USE ONLY**

Director's Authorized Representative Signature of Approval		
Issue Date	Expiration Date	Permit Number

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## REQUIREMENTS

To obtain a permit for Nest/Egg Destruction:

- It is recommended that the applicant has tried to control geese using alternative measures which may include hunting; feeding bans; habitat modification; fencing; barriers; repellents; scare techniques such as scarecrows, flags, reflective tape; and harassment.
- A representative from each site must have attended a mandatory training session before a permit will be issued. A permit is required annually to participate in the program.
- Applicant must submit a permit application.
- Applicant will be responsible to assure that all persons involved with the actual nest destruction (i.e., harassing birds from nest sites, removing eggs) have completed training as designated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR); OR be directly supervised by an individual who has completed this training. If applicant is hiring a nuisance animal control business to conduct the nest destruction, applicant (or representative) must still attend the mandatory training session, prior to a permit being issued. The Michigan DNR maintains a list of all individuals who have completed this training.
- Training is required prior to the issuance of this permit. All applicants must attend.
- Applicant is responsible for providing all personnel to handle the goose eggs, or use an approved (state permitted) private, nuisance animal control company to carry out the work.
- Applicant will be responsible for providing complete and accurate recordkeeping of the nest destruction operations and file a report providing details as required by the Michigan DNR. Reports due on **May 8**.
- Applicant will be responsible to assure that all eggs, eggshell fragments and/or contents that are removed from nests be destroyed as specified in the training session.
- Applicant may destroy Canada goose eggs and nests only within the timeframe specified, in a manor approved by the Michigan DNR. Specifics on this will be conveyed at the training session.
- Applicant is responsible to notify all lake front landowners or sites with multiple property owners of Canada goose program activities.
- All applications must be postmarked by **March 9**.

## ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Permits for nest and egg destruction may be issued only to those that meet one or more of the following definitions:

1. **Lake, lake association, or site with multiple property owners, surrounding the lake/site:**  
This will require one of the following to be submitted with your application:
  - Resolution: a resolution approved by the local government official (township, city etc.), which represents the property owners on the subject lake, body of water or site, approving nest destruction for their site. Copy of resolution must be sent with application. Contact your local township/city clerk's office to request a resolution for your site. Resolutions are usually valid for one year but can be valid for up to 5 years.
  - Petition: applicant is a lake, lake association or site, which has public approval consisting of a signed petition from at least 70% of the lakeshore property owners. The petition must clearly state that its purpose is for Canada goose egg and nest destruction. Petition forms are available from the Michigan DNR. The petition will be valid for a 5-year period, though the applicant must apply annually for the program. A copy of signed petition must be on file with the Michigan DNR.
2. **Commercial/business:** applicant is an institution, corporation, or other single entity which owns/controls all lands surrounding or containing the subject lake, body of water or site. This can include golf courses, apartments/condos, parks, and recreation areas. This requires only a signature from the owner/land manager of the site.
3. **Single family residence:** applicant is an individual with sole ownership and control of the subject lake, body of water or site, with no public access.