



Canada Geese are a nuisance and a serious threat to our lakes.

When they become year-round residents, they add lots of nutrients to the water to promote weeds and algae. Just 20 geese can equal a 100-pound bag of fertilizer with a '10' phosphorus number dumped in the lake each year.

To discourage them from settling in:

- DON'T FEED THE GEESE.
- PLANT AN UNMOWED BUFFER ALONG YOUR SHORELINE, THE WIDER THE BETTER. Lawns to the lake are the perfect invitation for geese.
- SCARE THEM OFF REGULARLY—one NJ town has residents wave swim noodles like large wings and it works!
- AVOID PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZERS, SEPTIC RUNOFF, PET WASTE RUNOFF—these promote the lake weeds that geese feed on.

*(Courtesy of the Byram Township Environmental Commission.)*