



## APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR CANADA GOOSE NEST DESTRUCTION

*Required under the authority of the Wildlife Conservation Order,  
Chapter V, Sections 5.51, 5.15a, and 5.51b, 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 destruction activity.

### REQUIREMENTS

To obtain a permit for Nest Destruction:

- It is recommended that the applicant have 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 **new** site **must have attended the mandatory training session** before a permit will be issued. An application is required annually to participate in the program.
- Applicant must submit a permit application and verify they are within an eligible nest destruction area. The lake, body of water or site must be located within **Oakland County, Macomb County, Wayne County, or other individual site that has been determined to be eligible for this program**. It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm they are within the eligible area, before submitting application.
- Applicant will be responsible to assure that all **new 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 and Environment (DNRE)**; 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 have still attended the mandatory training session, prior to a permit being issued. The Michigan DNRE maintains a list of all individuals who have completed this training.
- Applicant is responsible for providing any and 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 DNRE. Report must be submitted to the USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services office by **May 6**.
- Training is required prior to the issuance of this permit. All new applicants must attend.
- 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 DNRE. Specifics on this will be conveyed at the training session.
- **All applications must be postmarked by March 20.**

### 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 you site. Resolution's 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 DNRE. 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 DNRE.

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.

### FEE STRUCTURE

Fee waived for all eligible participants.

