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# CANADA GEESE ROUNDUPS

## THE PROBLEM

*Canada geese roundups do not solve the problems.*

### **Roundups must be repeated each year**

The Department of Natural Resources acknowledges the failure of goose roundups and reports that geese often return just weeks after a roundup has occurred.

### **Goose roundups are traumatic and painful**

Gassing is a painful and excruciatingly long process that was never intended for geese. Geese have chemical receptors that are acutely sensitive to carbon dioxide.

This allows them to dabble for long periods underwater and fly at high altitudes where the air is thin. The gassing process simultaneously burns and freezes their lungs for up to 45 minutes before their death.

## WHERE IT'S HAPPENING

*All municipalities in Connecticut are at risk.*

In 2003, state legislature passed a law that allows municipalities, private homeowners associations and certain non-profits to conduct goose roundups. To date, no municipalities have conducted a roundup, but most recently, Bristol's Park Board Commissioners were considering it.

Canada Goose management plans are required and CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection must sign off on the plan. Several municipalities in the state have submitted plans, but have chosen humane alternatives instead due in part to strong opposition from residents.

## RESOURCES

[The Truth About Geese \(idausa.org\)](http://idausa.org)

[The Best Way to Live in Harmony with Canada Geese – Friends of Animals](#)

[Canada Goose Habitat Modification Manual – Friends of Animals](#)

[Solving Problems with Canada Geese – HSUS](#)

[APLNJ Geese Habitat Modification](#)



## THE SOLUTION

*Focus on the clean-up solutions and landscape.*

There are many humane alternatives to goose roundups. It is recommended to apply multiple alternatives at once to create the highest impact. We recommend managing clean up of large spaces with a sweeper, such as [Tow and Collect Paddock Cleaners](#) which provide an efficient and effective solution to goose droppings.

Canada geese are attracted to lawns that are heavily fertilized, watered and mowed. They also prefer easy access to water and a clear view of the horizon as this helps them see approaching predators and allows for a quick escape. Changing the habitat to include taller grasses, especially around water features, makes a huge impact.

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