

Examples of Canada Goose Barriers



Geese generally prefer walking (as opposed to flying) from feeding areas to bodies of water. Installing barriers such as short fencing or planting vegetation around shorelines can make areas unattractive to geese because it removes walking access from water to feeding or resting locations.

Example 1: Simple Wire Fence

A simple wire fence can effectively deter geese, no electricity required. It doesn't take much and it doesn't need to be expensive. This business was able to prevent geese from loafing and defecating in its parking lot by installing a fence between its property and a neighboring retention pond.



Example 2: More Elaborate Fence

In this location, a more elaborate fence was only moderately successful because there were many gaps along the fence that geese could use to travel between the lawn and pond. Fencing/vegetation needs to form a complete barrier around the shoreline to be effective.



Example 3: 2 to 3'-Tall Barrier

A good goose barrier only needs to be about 2-3' tall. Geese have a hard time seeing over barriers taller than 2 ½ feet, so they don't have to block views for people. Goose barriers can be quite attractive, as in this photo of a native wildflower planting in a business park in Indianapolis, IN.



Example 4: Vegetation Planted Around Entire Shoreline

This photo is from the same business park. Attractive vegetation is planted around the entire shoreline. The local businesses still enjoy a well-maintained lawn, but the area is unattractive to geese because dense vegetation blocks their access from the lawn to the waterway.

