



INFORMATION SHEET: APPLYING FOR A MIGRATORY BIRDS DAMAGE OR DANGER PERMIT

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Complete all sections accurately and precisely.
- An incomplete application may cause unnecessary delays or the application could be denied.
- Please note that your proposed activities might differ on the permit as the activities and timeframes are subject to the conditions set out in the *Migratory Birds Regulations*.
- Attach supporting documents to your application form (e.g. management plan, photos, maps). Attach additional sheets if necessary for provision of all necessary details.
- This permit application covers birds listed under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* that are not listed under the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*. If the activity that you are applying for could affect a species or the habitat of a species that is listed under SARA, you may also need to seek a permit in accordance with section 73 of SARA. Contact your nearest Environment Canada office for additional information.
- In order to avoid potential conflicts, you may wish to inform adjacent property owners of the activities to be undertaken once a permit has been issued.

For Canada Goose related activities, read the following documents (www.ec.gc.ca):

- *Best Practices for Destroying Eggs or Preventing Hatching – Canada Goose Management*
- *Best Practices for Killing Birds and Disposing of Carcasses – Canada Goose Management*
- *Best Practices for Capturing, Transporting and Caring for Relocated Canada Geese – Canada Goose Management*

REPORTING

- You must report on all activities listed in the permit.
- A report template will be attached to your permit.
- If you have previously held a Damage or Danger (D or D) permit, you must submit all outstanding activity reports from previously issued permits before Environment Canada will consider your current application.
- Non-compliance may result in the refusal of future permit applications.

SECTION 1 – Applicant information

- If you have received D or D permit(s) in the past, please specify the last permit number(s) in the appropriate box.
 - Environment Canada only issues D or D permits under ss. 26(1), 26.1(1) and 26.2 to persons who own, lease or manage an area of land. This information will appear on the permit and therefore must be exact. Wildlife or pest control companies may apply as long as they can demonstrate that they are managers of the land for the purposes of controlling migratory birds. An additional form demonstrating authorization from the landowner or lease is required for this type of application.
- The permit will be sent to the mailing address that is specified in this section.
- If you are applying for a commercial operation, please describe the property and its use (golf course, landfill, etc.) so that the request can be assessed appropriately.

SECTION 2 – Nominee(s)

- Nominees are individuals, employees or wildlife control companies hired by the permit holder to carry out the activities authorized under the D or D permit.
- List the names of the employees or individuals who will be conducting the permitted activities. If there are multiple employees from the company performing the activity, indicating “*Employees of*” with the company name is acceptable.
- All employees are required to carry a copy of the permit as well as identification while performing the activity.
- Please use Appendix A if the space provided herein is not sufficient for this section.

SECTION 3 – Nature of the situation and type of permit requested

Please use Appendix B and/or attach extra sheets if the space provided herein is not sufficient for this section.

- a) Describe the situation and/or problem clearly; this must include your assessment of the seriousness of the issue. Insufficient or vague descriptions will result in the application being delayed or denied.
- b) Describe and explain in detail any previous measures you have used to manage the problem. **Examples include:** scaring with noise-makers, the installation of barriers and habitat alteration such as keeping grass longer.
- c) Describe your long-term plan to control the problem, including current and proposed management techniques.
- d) Use only one table per species. Identify in each table:
 - the species of migratory birds causing the damage or danger: list the specific species names in the boxes. Do not use generic terms for migratory birds such as geese, gulls or swallows. Examples include Canada Goose, Ring-billed Gulls, Snow Goose, etc.
 - the season when the problem is occurring: Winter, Spring, Summer and/or Fall.
 - the type of permit requested:

Scare using a firearm or aircraft

The purpose of this activity is to scare away migratory birds that are causing damage to crops or other property. The scare method used is either an aircraft or firearm loaded with blanks.

Kill to scare

The purpose of this activity is to kill a certain number of migratory birds to scare away other birds from the area specified on the permit. The carcasses should be left in the open on the ground to act as a deterrent to other birds.

Kill

The purpose of this activity is to kill migratory birds to eliminate them from the area specified on the permit. The carcasses should be removed and disposed of in accordance with local waste management and regulations. This type of permit may require that an approved management plan be in place.

Relocation of migratory birds

The purpose of this activity is to move migratory birds from one location to another. During this activity, the birds are captured and transferred to locations that are capable of supporting the relocated flock;

or

The purpose of this activity is to move migratory birds, nests and eggs from one location to another with the intent of eliminating the damage or danger they are causing while assuring a reasonable possibility of successful relocation.

In each case above, indicate the approximate number of birds (adults/young) that will be affected during the activity.

Collection, destruction and disposal of eggs

The purpose of this activity is to destroy eggs or prevent them from hatching (oiling and adding) to reduce the number of birds at a location and discourage migratory birds from nesting at that location.

Indicate the approximate number of eggs or nests that will be affected during the activity.

Removal and destruction of nests

The purpose of this activity is to remove nests and eggs and relocate them where the birds will not be disturbed (e.g. a nest in an industrial or commercial air conditioning unit);

or

The purpose of this activity is to remove and destroy nests of migratory birds to discourage them from nesting in the area and relocate elsewhere.

Indicate the approximate number of eggs or nests that will be affected during the activity.

- e) The permit holder must indicate a start and end date for any of the activities that will take place.

SECTION 4 – Current location of migratory birds

- Specify the location(s) where the damage or danger is occurring and where the requested activity will take place.
- Provide the physical/civic address and/or legal land description, parcel identification number (PID), UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator geographic coordinate system) or latitude/longitude coordinates.
- A post office box is not an acceptable location for the permit and will be used for mailing purposes only.
- Additional information such as acreage, maps and information about adjacent land uses can be provided to clarify location.
- Multiple locations can be listed on the same permit as long as they are all owned, leased or managed by the permit applicant.

SECTION 5 – Relocation

Please attach extra sheets if the space provided herein is not sufficient for this section.

- a) Describe the proposed method for capture.
- b) Describe the proposed equipment and methods for transporting.
- c) Provide the relocation site (provide the physical/civic address and/or legal land description, parcel identification number (PID), UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator geographic coordinate system) or latitude/longitude coordinates).

Landowner attestation:

- For bird relocation to another landowner's property, the landowner **MUST** sign the application form or provide a letter indicating approval for the relocation of the migratory birds on the site.
- Provide telephone number of landowner receiving the birds.

SECTION 6 – Disposal

Please attach extra sheets if the space provided herein is not sufficient for this section.

- a) Describe the proposed methods for disposal.
- b) Provide the location of the disposal site (provide the physical/civic address and/or legal land description, parcel identification number (PID), UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator geographic coordinate system) or latitude/longitude coordinates).

Landowner attestation:

- For bird disposal on another landowner's property, the landowner **MUST** sign the application form or provide a letter indicating approval for the disposal of the migratory birds on the site indicated.
- Provide telephone number of landowner receiving the birds.

SECTION 7 – Signature of the applicant

- By signing the application, you agree to comply with all sections; you understand your responsibilities; and, where applicable, you have read the appropriate documents to conduct the proposed activities.
- The name in this section must match the name in Section 1 of the application.
- Applications that are not signed by the applicant will not be processed.