

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES





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Goose Program Participant:

Attached you will find the applications and information on this years 2009 Nest Destruction Program and Goose Roundup Program. We are anticipating no changes to the 2009 programs, but please be aware that due to shortages in the Game and Fish Fund (DNR license fees) and fiscal realities, these programs could be canceled at any time.

If you have applied for these programs in the past, please be sure to use the same site as used in previous years. If you have more than one site or lake, you must fill in an application for each site.

Please be sure to verify that you are within the eligible nest destruction area, prior to sending in the nest application (see info sheet). Be sure to completely fill in all information on the application check the boxes that apply and sign the application. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted. We must also have a copy of you signatures or resolution on file, so be sure to include it with your application. For goose roundup signatures/resolutions this must clearly state that the signatories clearly understand these geese may be euthanized.

The list of licensed contractors is now available on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr (click on the wildlife tab) It is your responsibility to be sure that the contractor you hire is licensed to do Goose control work.

If you are conducting nest destruction yourself, and have not been through the training program, you will be required to attend the training held in early April. Please contact me, at oakesj@michigan.gov (248) 328-8113 for date and time. This training is open to the public free of charge, and we encourage anyone having nuisance goose issues to attend.

Deadlines for applications are April 1, 2009 for nest program and June 1, 2009 for roundup program. No late applications will be accepted.

Sincerely,

Julie Oakes, Wildlife Biologist

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