



Deterrents for Geese & Beavers

LLPOA Lake Committee - 2023

DETERRENTS FOR GEESE

Geese Lights

- In the spring of 2023, the LLPOA Lake Committee experimented by installing 10 floating lights that blink from dusk until dawn that deter geese.
- According to the maker:
 - Our guaranteed geese deterrent products feature a solar-powered light that is scarcely noticeable to humans but is very disruptive to the sleep of the geese, causing them to find another habitat after just a few restless nights. The solar-powered lights charge each day and flash 360 degrees, every two seconds from dusk to dawn, at eye-level of the geese. They require no maintenance and the durable ABS plastic of their bases will withstand any weather conditions. Each unit will get rid of geese in a 100-yard radius.

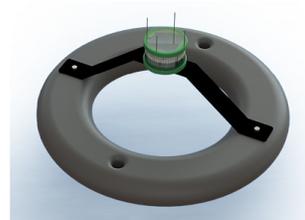


Shoreline Fencing

- **Simple 2-3-foot tall fencing** along your shoreline will discourage geese transitioning from water to land. Geese have a difficult time seeing over barriers that are 2 1/2 feet.
- **Neighbors receive the greatest benefit when all yards are fenced!**
- **Fencing when combined with a Wetland Buffer of 2-3' native plants**, becomes a more substantial and visually appealing natural environment.
- **In 2023 LLPOA added fencing to our three properties at South Beach, North Beach, and the Dam!**

Green Laser Lights

- **Handheld green laser lights** annoy geese and make them move away. The green light is 5 times brighter than red lasers for the same output of power. According to some manufacturers, the laser should be 500mW and fully charged.
- **Yard or Floating green laser lights** - much more expensive but more automatic.



DETERRENENTS FOR BEAVERS

- Over the past few years, **Beavers have girdled trees in Community Park, Loch Lomond, and St. Mary's Lake.**
- **Beavers hate the sound of running water.** It makes them think there could be a leak in their dam. If they hear running water, they will work day & night to stop the leak.
- ***In less than one week in the late fall of 2022, beavers girdled 5 trees around the Community Park pond.*** Many of these trees needed to be removed.



- **Beavers are adaptable and persistent, so they are difficult to control. Some suggestions include:**
 - **Fencing** - One way to protect trees from beavers is to wrap them with cylinder cages made of **sturdy galvanized welded wire fencing with 2 - 4" X 2 - 4" mesh** openings. Fencing should be at least 3' high. Encircle the trunk, leaving at least 6" between the tree and cage on all sides so the tree has room to grow and so that beavers cannot lean against or gnaw through the fencing.
 - **Sand & Paint** - Mix together latex paint and sand to use as the repellent. Once the ingredients are well mixed, you will use this mixture to paint the trees around the area that a beaver may be working on. Paint ~4 feet from the root up.
 - **Other Deterrents** include garlic, peppermint oil, and predator urine.

Information & Other Resources

- <https://www.awaywithgeese.com/shop/>
- <https://www.thedisbander.com/>
- <http://www.wildlifeanimalcontrol.com/beaverrepellent.html>
- <https://lakebarcroft.org/community/environmental-quality/beaver-damage-tips>
- <https://drecampbell.com/natural-ways-get-rid-beavers/>