
Calendar of Events

3rd Annual SFMANJ Field Day/Outdoor Trade Show and Equipment Demonstration

When: August 17, 7:30am to 4pm Trade Show opens 9am., Demos begin 10am.

Where: Plainsboro Township DPW, Community Park.

What: Educational sessions for Contractors, Landscapers, Parks & Recreation, Irrigation and Sports Field Managers.

CEU's are pending

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Fliers will be sent soon. ♦

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Jim Hermann, CSFM	Total Control Inc.
Gene Huntington	Duke Farms Foundation
James C. Kelsey	Partac Peat Corp./Beam Clay
William Koonz	Koonz Sprinkler Supply
Jim Lawlor	Atlantic City Special Improv. Dist.
Clare S. Liptak	Rutgers Coop Ext Soil Testing Lab
Patric Lisanti	Growing Concern Inc.-Irrigation Div.
David Maines	Madison, Borough of
Kevin Malone	The LandTek Group
Jeffrey Marcason	Northvale, Borough of
Ken Mathis	Brick Township
Tim Moore	The Lawrenceville School
Dennis Myers	Ranney School
John Neyhart	Monmouth County Career Center
Michael Nicotra	Camden Riversharks LLC
Mike Oleykowski	Fisher & Son Co., Inc.
Bradford Pastrick	North Brunswick Township
Sam Pepe	Central Regional School District
Bud Perdun	North Brunswick Board of Ed
Joseph Pitcher	Harding Township Public School
Mark Rapp	Cinnaminson Township
Steve Ratto	Bergen County Dept. of Parks
Frank Ravaschiere	Long Branch, City of
Gerard Redmond	Freehold Twp. Board of Ed
Stephen Regec	Boonton, Township of
Paul Richardson	Modern Handling Equip of NJ, Inc.
Mike Ryan	The LandTek Group
Tom Steward	Cresskill Public Schools
Kenneth Suppes	Emerson Board of Education
Thomas Taylor	Taylor & Taylor
George Taylor	Taylor & Taylor
Arsenius Terrill	Morris Hills Regional District
Brian Thompson	Alpine Landscape
Tom Torpey	Monroe Township
Larry Toth	Rider University
George Van Haasteren	Sports Field Mgmt. System Inc
Robin VanDerlyn	Chatham School District
Tony Wilcenski	Monroe Township
Bill Wise	Rain Bird Corp.

Valuable Lessons in Goose Behavior

***by Mona Zemsky, Marketing Manager, Bird-X, Inc.**

(Phil Whitford, Biology Professor at Capital University and 30-year-veteran researcher of Canada geese) Dr. Whitford has factored the habits of geese into a comprehensive system of deterrence. Here is a sample of his observations:

1. Female geese are the ones you need to move. If she leaves, the male goes with her.
2. The longer geese sit on the nest, the more defensive they become. So begin harassment early in the nesting cycle, such as when the first egg is laid, for maximum disruption before they are fully invested in the nest.
3. In deterring geese, employ more than one element so the birds don't habituate and return when they think the coast is clear.
4. Strictly visual harassment doesn't work well with geese. Be sure to add other sensory stimulants, especially sound, to dislodge them.
5. Geese are not stupid. If the timing and duration of harassment methods are totally consistent, they learn when it's safe to return.
6. Don't stop the harassment. Follow through long enough so the offending geese relocate elsewhere. If a few return, step up deterrence measures immediately.
7. Ideally, begin disrupting geese in the fall when the first migrants arrive to scout the territory. Deterring them early is easier than later, when they've become attached to and comfortable in an area and the infestation has had time to multiply.

The Multifaceted Problem of those Lovely-Looking Canada Geese

- Unsightly environment – more than a pound of offensive droppings produced per goose per day.
- Unhealthy conditions – fecal material can harbor contaminants and bacteria that raise coliform levels in ponds.
- Ruined landscape – gross damage to grass, greenways and pond edging.
- Financial drain – heavy cost of cleanup, reseeding, resodding and repairing. Repeated annually.
- Medical bills and lawsuits – aggressive geese can attack, causing people to slip, trip and fall disastrously. The geese's messy droppings are similarly hazardous to humans.

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