

## **Goose Repellent Test (May 27, 2025 - July 8, 2025)**

### **Tuesday, May 27 @ 1:00 pm**

Applied 2 gallons to the north half of North Blarney Island

Applied 2 gallons to the north half of South Blarney Island

At the time of application, goose droppings were scattered roughly evenly over both islands. Of course, there were some spots of concentration.

From the time of application, there was no rain for approximately 1.5 days

### **Monday, June 2 @ 10:30 am**

Applied 2 gallons to the north half of North Blarney Island

Applied 2 gallons to the north half of South Blarney Island

At the time of application, goose droppings were scattered roughly evenly over both islands. There was no evidence at the time of any repellent effect.

From the time of application, there was no rain for approximately 2.5 days

Anecdote: On Thursday, June 5 @ 5:00 pm, there was a cluster of approximately 8 geese on the south end of North Blarney Island, no geese on the north end. No geese seen on South Blarney Island.

### **Friday, June 6 @ 9:00 am**

Applied 2 gallons to the north half of North Blarney Island

Applied 2 gallons to the north half of South Blarney Island

At the time of application, there were hardly any goose droppings on either island. It is possible that there were slightly fewer droppings on the north end of North Blarney Island, but this is inconclusive.

It does not appear that there was any evidence of any repellent effect.

Rain is not predicted until June 8.

### **Monday, June 23 @ 9:00 am**

It has been so long since the last application because it has been raining almost every other day, often 2 or 3 days in a row. This demonstrates one of the challenges with using a product such as this that needs to be reapplied after a rain: waiting for the right conditions. I have not wanted to apply it on weekends, even though the product claims to be safe - there are perception problems to deal with.

Applied 2 gallons to the north half of North Blarney Island

Applied 2 gallons to the north half of South Blarney Island

At the time of application, there were few goose droppings on North Blarney Island - almost all of the dropping were on the north end of the island - the treated end.

There were almost no droppings on South Blarney Island

It does not appear that there was any evidence of any repellent effect.

Rain is not predicted until late June 24 (only 24%).

### **Thursday, July 3, @ 8:00am**

Applied 2 gallons to the north half of North Blarney Island  
Applied 2 gallons to the north half of South Blarney Island  
At the time of application, there were moderately high goose droppings on both Blarney Islands in all areas.  
It does not appear that there was any evidence of any repellent effect.  
Spotty rain is predicted for the next few days.

### **Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

Last observation before issuing report.  
There were moderately high goose droppings on both Blarney Islands in all areas, treated and untreated.  
It does not appear that there was any evidence of any repellent effect.

### **Summary & Conclusion**

It is difficult, especially in the late spring and early summer when application would be most effective, to find a time for application when rain is not forecast for at least 2 days. Since the product needs to be reapplied after rain, weather works against the efficacy of the product.

None of the observations following application of the product showed any significant repellent effect, based on the amount and distribution of goose droppings on the islands. There was no real difference noted between the treated and untreated areas of the islands.

Based on this experiment, I cannot recommend the expense (both in terms of the product cost and the application costs) of this product for application on Lake Shannon's islands or swim park.

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