



## Doing our Part..... Feeding ducks - bad for waterfowl and bad for 'water foul' (excerpts from NYDEC website)

“Some people enjoy feeding waterfowl. They toss bread, corn, popcorn, or table scraps to the ducks and geese that congregate for the food. Some people say that it makes them feel good to help the ducks ... that it brings the ducks closer for their kids or grandkids to see ... that it's an escape from the daily grind. Is it good to feed waterfowl? No, artificial feeding is actually harmful to waterfowl in many ways: Poor nutrition (human food is neither good, nutritious or varied enough for their diet). Spread of disease (artificially fed ducks tend to defecate and eat in a close, overcrowded area which both encourages disease as well as its transmission to other ducks). Delayed migration (which can kill them in the winter and/or encourage an overpopulated resident population). Feeding waterfowl also has a negative effect on our water quality, as excess nutrients encourage algae blooms and high E Coli counts have been directly attributed to feeding waterfowl.” As I once heard “One Goose, One Day, One Pound of Poop” – enough said, PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE DUCKS!