

Fall 2017 Fish Order Form

Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District

2530 State Route 40, Greenwich, NY 12834 518-692-9940 x 5 washingtoncountyswcd.org

Orders must be received at the above address by 4:00 pm on September 15, 2017

All species of fish require a general stocking permit through NYS-DEC

***Mail your completed Fish Stocking Permit application to NYS-DEC Region 5.**

232 Golf Course Road, P.O. Box 220, Warrensburg, NY 12885

Contact NYS-DEC directly at 518-623-1200 for further information

Name: _____

Complete mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address (optional): _____

Species	Size	25 Fish (\$)	50 Fish (\$)	100 Fish (\$)	# Ordered	\$
Largemouth Bass	3-4"	60.00	100.00	180.00		
Largemouth Bass	6-8"	115.00	200.00	375.00		
Channel Catfish	6-8"	60.00	100.00	190.00		
Rainbow Trout	4-6"	70.00	120.00	225.00		
Brook Trout	4-6"	75.00	140.00	250.00		
Fathead Minnows	1-2"	Sold in 100's Only		15.00		
Subtotal:						
Add 7% NYS Sales Tax:						
Total Due:						

I realize that the Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District is not responsible for any loss of fish occurring during transport from pickup location to pond by the pond owner or a representative of same.

Signature of pond owner

- Payment must accompany order. Make checks payable to Washington County SWCD.
- **Pickup will take place on Friday, September 22, 2017** (pickup time to be determined) at the USDA parking lot, 2530 State Route 40, Greenwich, NY. It is imperative that fish are picked up at the designated time due to survival limitations in transport (approximately 1 hour).
- Bagging of fish is \$1.00/bag payable day of fish pickup.

Fall Fish Stocking Time!

Order Now Through September 15, 2017

Washington County SWCD is again offering a Fall Pond Stocking Program. With the exception of Grass Carp, which are only available in the spring, the District will be taking fish orders now through September 15th, to be picked up here at the USDA Service Center on Friday, September 22nd (pickup time TBD).

When selecting fish for your pond please keep in mind the following fish preferences and survivability criteria (also feel free to call us with any questions or concerns about your pond):

Trout:



- For rainbow trout the pond should not exceed a maximum summer temperature of 72°F at average depth during the first two weeks of August, although fluctuating surface temperatures near 78°F for a couple of days are acceptable. Spring-fed ponds exceeding 10' of depth usually meet the temperature requirements. This is especially true at higher elevations where summers tend to be cooler. Ponds in wooded or shady areas will also stay cooler during the critical mid-summer period.
- Trout usually do not reproduce in a pond unless there is a spring-fed inlet stream of adequate size. For this reason, trout populations usually die out in most ponds over a 2-5 year period. After this time restocking is required to maintain populations.
- The recommended stocking rate for rainbow trout is 400 fish per surface acre of pond, or 100 fish per 1/4 acre pond.
- Brook trout prefer temperatures below 65°F. Only deep, spring-fed ponds stay this cool.
- Brown trout can tolerate warmer water temperatures in the mid 70's and prefer deeper ponds with lots of cover. They are a prized game fish, but wary and tougher to catch.

Bass:

- Ponds should average a maximum water temperature of 75°-85°F during the last two weeks of July. A depth exceeding 6' is desirable, and 8-10' offers better protection against winter kill from oxygen depletion.
- The recommended stocking rate for largemouth bass is 100 fish per surface acre of pond (1 acre=200'x 200') or 25 fish per 1/4 acre pond.
- Largemouth bass will actively reproduce in most ponds that fit the above-mentioned depth and temperature.



Channel Catfish:

Channel catfish are a warm water fish and a prized game fish. Under normal conditions, they will reach well over 1' in length in 2 years, and eventually 2-3' in size, and 20 pounds in weight. A stocking rate of 50 fish is suggested for a 1/4 acre pond. They can live in both cold and warm water ponds, but do not spawn unless water temperatures exceed 72°F for at least 3 weeks. Contrary to popular belief, channel catfish do not burrow in the mud and create cloudy water conditions as do their cousins the bullhead.

Minnows:

Minnows are an excellent forage fish for bass to increase growth rate, but are not required for the bass to survive. Other game fish will feed on minnows as well.



Remember all fish stocking requires a NYS-DEC permit. Permit applications are available on our website, NYS DEC's website or by calling DEC's Bureau of Fisheries in Warrensburg at 518-623-1200.

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