

# Spring 2024 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 with payment at the above address **by 4:00 pm on April 17, 2024**

**\*Mail your completed Triploid Grass Carp Stocking Permit or General Fish Stocking Permit application(s) 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	Price	No. Ordered	Cost \$
Fathead Minnows	200 lb.	\$24.00 / lb.		
Largemouth Bass	4 – 6"	\$4.50 per fish		
Channel Catfish	4 – 6"	\$3.00 per fish		
Brook Trout	4"	\$4.50 per fish		
Rainbow Trout	4 – 6"	\$4.00 per fish		
			Subtotal	
<b>*****Add 7% NYS Sales Tax</b>				
Subtotal with Sales Tax				
<b>Grass Carp</b>	8 – 10"	<u>Each</u> Grass Carp is \$25.00 – <b>Non-Taxable</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>**</b>
<b>YOU MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR GRASS CARP PERMIT WITH ORDER</b>				
<b>Total Due with Applicable Sales Tax</b>				

I agree that the Washington County SWCD is not responsible for any loss of fish occurring during transport from pick-up location to pond by the pond owner or a representative of same. Refunds will **not** be given for failure to pick up your fish on the designated pick-up day/time. Payment must accompany order. Make check payable to Washington County SWCD.

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*Signature of pond owner*



**\*\*PLEASE TEAR OFF THIS PORTION AND KEEP – FISH PICK-UP INFORMATION\*\***

Fish pickup will take place on **Thursday, May 2 at 2:15 PM** at the USDA Service Center 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.

**\*\*You must bring your Grass Carp Permit with you when picking up fish\*\***

**\*\*\*Orders will be pre-placed in oxygenated bags & boxed for travel – no container is needed for fish pickup\*\*\***

Washington County SWCD (518) 692-9940, Ext. 5

# General Information on Fish

Stocking fish requires a valid NYS-DEC permit

Contact DEC Bureau of Fisheries at 518-623-1200 (Region 5) for specific permit information

or visit website [www.dec.ny.gov/permits](http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits)

Permit Duration: Up to 5 years for Fish Stocking Permit - No Fee

Permit Duration: March 1 – November 30 for Triploid Grass Carp - No Fee

Submit your completed application to your local Regional Fisheries Office

## Trout:

- Brook Trout will only survive in colder ponds which rarely exceed 65°F.
- 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 for the average 1/4-acre farm pond.

## 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 acre of pond surface (1 acre = 200'x 200', or 25 fish for the average 1/4-acre farm pond).
- Largemouth bass will actively reproduce in most farm ponds that fit the above-mentioned depth and temperature requirements.

## Channel Catfish:

- Channel catfish are a warm water fish and a prized game fish. They can reach sizes of up to 3' long and 20 pounds in farm ponds. A stocking rate of 50 fish is suggested for 1/4-acre (100' x 100') ponds. Catfish can live in both cold and warm water ponds, but do not spawn unless water temperatures exceed 72° 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.
- Under normal pond conditions, 6-8" channel catfish will reach sizes of well over 1' in 2 years, and eventually 2-3' in size.

**Fathead Minnows:** Minnows may be stocked as a forage fish with bass to increase food supply and growth rate but are not required for the bass to survive.

**Quantities** of fish for stocking are determined per surface acre of open water 1 acre = 200' x 200'