

DON'T WAIT!

Get Your Pond Stocking License NOW!!

If you're thinking about stocking your pond, you should be aware that New York State Fish and Wildlife Law requires that you **first** secure a Farm Fish Pond License before releasing any species of fish into your pond.

These licenses are issued by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in Stamford (DEC). Pond owners taking advantage of our 2018 Bass Stocking Program must mail their applications to the DEC in Stamford **no later than June 27** to insure ample time for processing. **You MUST present a valid pond stocking license when picking up fish.**

There is no charge for the license which is valid for five (5) years. Renewal applications will be sent automatically to you by DEC. For an application, visit the NYSDEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/25013.html> or call them at 607-652-7366.

Send your completed pond stocking application to:

**NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
65561 State Hwy 10, Suite 1
Stamford, New York 12167-9503**

Attention Bass Stockers!

Depending on your preference, stocking your pond with largemouth bass can be a very economical decision. Unlike trout, largemouth bass will generally spawn in smaller farm ponds, thus reducing the need to re-stock in future years.

Bass-minnow combinations should do well in ponds as small as 1/4 acre if the pond has an average depth of 4 feet or more.

Recommended Stocking Rates:

Largemouth bass—125-150 bass/surface acre

Fathead minnow—500-600 minnows/surface acre

Remember, bass usually reproduce as two year olds and occasionally not until the third year. For best results, try to restrict all fishing until they have successfully spawned. Thereafter, a well managed farm pond will yield many years of fishing fun with only occasional re-stocking of fathead minnows.

Have any questions? Give us a call at (607) 865-7161 and ask for Judy.

It's Bass and Minnow Stocking Time Again

3-4" Largemouth bass \$215/hundred

1-2" Fathead minnow \$18/hundred

(Fish may be ordered in any multiple of 10.)



Pick up date will be Saturday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. sharp in the District parking lot at **44 West Street** in Walton.

Orders must be prepaid and received by Monday, July 16.

No orders will be accepted after this date!

All fish will be bagged in oxygenated water for traveling. **Bags are \$1.00 each from the hatchery; please bring some singles to pay their staff directly.** They will determine the number of bags needed for your order.

After reaching your pond, place the bag in the pond until the water temperatures have equalized, then release your fish. This will help the fish to acclimate to the pond water with less chance of temperature shock.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DCSWCD

_____ Largemouth bass @ \$215/hundred \$ _____

_____ Fathead minnow @ \$18/hundred \$ _____

Service Charge \$ 5.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME PHONE () _____

CELL PHONE () _____

EMAIL _____

Please return bottom portion with your check to:

DELAWARE COUNTY SWCD

44 West Street, Suite 1

Walton, NY 13856