Monroe County Soil & Water

Conservation District

Fish Stocking Program

The District holds two fish sales each year, a spring sale and a fall sale. We provide landowners the opportunity to purchase black crappie, yellow perch, triploid grass carp, and more!

Fish Order Form

THE DATE OF OUR FISH STOCKING PROGRAM HAS CHANGED TO MAY 22. ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY MAY 18TH.

PLEASE READ THE ORDER FORM ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Attention: you can only purchase grass carp if you have 3 copies of the approved DEC permit (this does *not* apply to other fish species we provide). Because of the recent occurrence of certain diseases in bait fish it is also necessary for all pond owners to obtain a stocking permit such as a current Farm Fish Pond License. Both permits are free and the applications are available from the NYS DEC or from the District. The applications for the Farm Fish Pond Permit, NYS-DEC Stocking Permit, and Grass Carp Permit are available for download from the links below. For more information call (585) 753-7380.

Winter
Pond Recommendations

Did you see dead fish floating in your pond last spring? One of the most common causes for a fish kill is not polluted water, but a lack of dissolved oxygen. A "winter fish kill" is a common occurrence during long winters where heavy snow covers the ice of a pond. In ponds, light penetrates the surface reaching plants in the water, and dissolved oxygen is produced through the process of photosynthesis. However, once a layer of ice has formed and snow accumulates on it, light can be blocked from reaching the bottom of the pond, which impairs the photosynthetic process, and therefore leads to reduced levels of dissolved oxygen. If this occurs for an extended period of time, fish can become stressed and die due to lack of oxygen. This is especially a concern for ponds that are very shallow and heavily vegetated.

An easy way to prevent winter fish kills is to shovel the snow off the pond. This will allows light to penetrate through the ice and allow the photosynthetic process to continue. Be sure that the ice is thick enough to hold your own weight before shoveling. Another way to prevent winter

fish kills is to install an aerator. A submergent aerator produces dissolved oxygen to help prevent this, although a continuous supply of electricity must be present. If you have any questions about winter fish kills, aerators, or other pond concerns please call the District.

Permits & Links

Farm Fish Pond Permit Information

This permit is free, and is encouraged for stocking fish into a pond.

It should be returned to:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Fish, Wildlife, & Marine Resources
6274 East Avon-Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414
(585)226-2466

Download The NYS-DEC Application to Stock Triploid Grass Carp

This permit is free, and is required to purchase Triploid Grass Carp in NY State.

It should be returned to:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Fish, Wildlife, & Marine Resources
6274 East Avon-Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414
(585)226-2466

Application for Permit to Stock Fish

This permit is free, and is required to stock fish into a pond.

It should be returned to:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Fish, Wildlife, & Marine Resources

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Links for further information:
Freshwater Fish Species of New York
Aquatic Vegetation Control Methods
Fish Pond Information

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Call Us: (585) 753 7380

Email Us: mcswcd@monroecounty.gov

Operating Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm

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MONROE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
145 Paul Road, Building #5, Rochester, NY 14624 Phone: (585)753-7380
http://www.monroecountyswcd.org

2020 FISH STOCKING PROGRAM

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED WITH PAYMENT BY May 18, 2020
Scheduled DISTRIBUTION is May 22, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Distribution will be at the Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation Office (address above). We have no holding facilities.
You must arrive during this distribution time or you will forfeit your order. NO REFUNDS.

PLEASE READ:

1) You will need to bring **20 gallons of pond or lake water** for every *6 Grass Carp, 30 Catfish, 500 minnows, 75 Perch, 50 Bass (20 larger bass), 50 Black Crappie.* **Do NOT use tap water!**
2) Recommended travel time should not exceed 30-45 minutes. Aquarium aerators can be used to decrease stressors to fish during transport.
3) Please bring a cover for the container(s) of water in order to reduce risk of fish loss or water loss. A garbage bag with a tie is acceptable if you do not have a container with an appropriate lid.
4) Additional information to consider before ordering specific species or items can be found on the next page. (You NEED a Triploid Grass Carp permit to buy carp. Information about how to obtain a permit can be found on the next page).
5) Online ordering is available at: https://squareup.com/store/monroe-county-soil-and-water-conservation-district
Credit card payments are also accepted over the phone at (585)753-7380.

PLEASE SEND YOUR GRASS CARP PERMIT (3 copies) WITH YOUR ORDER
OR a copy can be sent via email to mcswcd@monroecounty.gov
(retain a photocopy for your records). This will enable us to expedite the distribution of your order.
You will receive a signed copy with your grass carp the day of distribution.

*The Soil & Water Conservation District is **not** responsible for fish after they leave the pick-up area.*

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Please complete form, detach and return with payment to the address at the top of the page.

Name: _____ Address: _____
Daytime Phone #: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____

Fish Species	Length	Rate per Acre	Price Each	Price Per/25	Quantity Ordered	Price
Triploid Grass Carp*	10-14"	Set by DEC	$27			$
Fathead Minnows	2-3"	2000	$15 per ½ lb. (½ lb.= approximately 75 minnows)			$
Catfish	6-8"	200	$6			$
Yellow Perch	3-5"	50	$7	$88		$
Largemouth Bass	5-7"	25	$9	$114		$
NEW SPECIES: Black Crappie	3-5"	12	$6			$
Barley Straw**(w/cabbage bags)*	--	Varies	$10		$	
Fish Food 10 lb. bag	--		$21		$	
Fish Food 44 lb. bag	--		$60		$	
Make your check payable to: MCSWCD (Returned checks incur a $25.00 fee). **Credit Card payment also available at: http://monroecountyswcd.org/Pages/Fish.html or over the phone**	Total:	$				

(Sales Tax is already included)

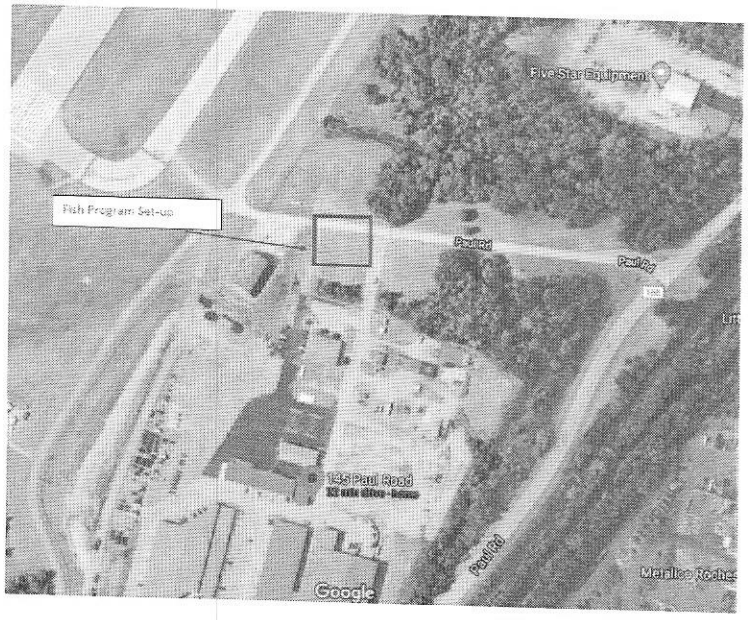
***Please consider additional information available on next page before ordering these species or items.**

Additional Information:

* **You NEED a Triploid Grass Carp permit to buy carp**. If you do not have a permit, call the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS-DEC), Fisheries Office at (585) 226-5343 to obtain an application or download the form from the NYS-DEC at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/grasscarppermitappl.pdf . The form is also available on our Website (monroecountyswcd.org).

Triploid Grass Carp control aquatic vegetation by consuming various types of soft stemmed rooted plants. Grass Carp will NOT control algae. Customers have been known to successfully use barley straw to reduce algae growth. For more information visit our website address above.

** **Barley Straw** is available at our Fish Stocking Program event, and is intended for use as a natural algae reduction method in ponds. Note that if you use barley straw to help reduce algae growth, it is best to put the straw in the pond as early as possible in the spring before algae starts to grow. Contact our District if you need help determining how much barley straw you will need for your pond.

- Fish sizing and availability may vary depending on yearly weather conditions.
- You may obtain a free Farm Fish Pond License to stock fish by calling the NYS-DEC Fisheries Office at: (585) 226-5343. Permits are good for 5 years. This form is also available on the District website listed above.
- Koi are no longer offered at our Fish Stocking Event. Koi are now listed as a regulated invasive species in New York State due to their harmful impacts on native populations in natural waterbodies. Please feel free to contact our office for suggestions on similar functional replacements for your pond.
- Additional information about fish needs and other items offered is available in our Fish Program Catalog: http://monroecountyswcd.org/Forms/Fish/Fish_Catalog.pdf

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