# TROUT SALES 2024

#### **Common Questions and Answers:**

### Will trout live in my pond? Which trout species is better for my pond?

Trout survive best in cold oxygenated water maintaining a water temperature of 65°. As long as there are springs or a source of water flowing into the pond, small ponds to large ponds will accommodate both species of trout. If waters are not consistently flowing into the pond, then the pond should be at least 8' in depth and shaded to maintain temperatures in summer and winter. Ponds that have well-oxygenated flowing waters support Brook trout best. If water warms in the summer, Rainbow trout have a higher success rate.

#### How many trout and how often should I stock in my pond? Should I feed the trout?

The number and size of fish depend on the water flow, chemistry, and available food source. The general rule of thumb is 100 8" trout per 1/4 acre of open surface area. If the waters are spring fed, and the temperatures are consistent then stocking once every few years may work. If there are predators such as heron, mink, or fishers present than you may want to stock annually. Large trout will feed on smaller trout that are half their size. Ponds that are older than three years should have enough aquatic insect larvae, worms, tadpoles, etc. for trout to eat. Newer ponds that lack substrate such as a vegetative buffer around the pond, and submerged and benthic plants may not support these natural foods. Feeding fish may cause an increase in nutrients to the pond which can then lead to algae.

#### What can I do about algae in my pond?

LCCD provides site visits for pond owners to assess pond conditions and make recommendations. Site visits are scheduled in June.

## **Spring Trout Sale Details**

Please fill out the Order Form below and send it and payment to LCCD by April 26th, 2024. For more information about stocking trout, please visit our website www.lcnrcd.com. Sorry, we cannot take payments over the phone.

Make checks out to LCCD, 109 Professional Drive, Suite 2, Morrisville, VT 05661

Orders of 6-8" trout <u>must</u> be picked up on May 1st between 12:00 and 1:00 pm at Oxbow Park (at the end of Portland Street past Morrisville Lumber). After 1:00 pm, we will forfeit unclaimed orders and will not keep the trout. Trout are provided in an air sealed large plastic bag. It's best to stock trout immediately in your pond after pick up to insure their survival.

Orders of 10-12" trout will be delivered by the trout farm *any time* on the afternoons of May 1st or May 2nd. Price per lot includes delivery. We cannot schedule deliveries. A flag at the delivery site and/or an order confirmation will be left onsite. Please e-mail or include directions to the best location to leave confirmation and specific directions from the nearest route to your pond with your order form and payment. Addresses will be mapped via Google and GPS with other deliveries. Split deliveries within one-mile include a \$30 additional charge.

Order confirmation calls or reminders are not provided. Please retain this information sheet for your records.

Please be sure to note the trout day on your calendars for deliveries and/or pick up orders.

2024 Spring Trout Order Form	Please check your member status on page 4 to receive member rates	
PICK UP		
6-8" Rainbow trout (Lots of 25)	# lots x \$80 (\$65 for members)	=
6-8" Brook trout (Lots of 25)	# lots x \$80 (\$65 for members)	=
DELIVERY		
10-12" Rainbow trout (Lots of 50)	# lots x \$340(\$290 for members)	=
10-12" Brook trout (Lots of 50)	# lots x \$340(\$290 for members)	=
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