2023 Spring Trout Sale – Franklin County NRCD **(you can also order online at franklincountynrcd.org)**

We will be offering Rainbow and Brook Trout this Spring. 6-8" fish in lots of 25 can be picked up at the Park And Ride at 48 Fairfax Road in St. Albans. 10-12" Rainbow Trout require a minimum order of 50 and will be delivered to your pond, in which case please give detailed delivery directions. **Pick-up and delivery date: TBD - but likely on the first or second Tuesday in May. You will be notified this spring with the actual pickup date and time.** Please check your email regularly for any changes or updates to this information. Please fill out this form and deliver it or mail it with payment (check preferred) **no later than April 14th** to:

Franklin County NRCD
50 South Main St. Suite B-20
St. Albans, VT 05478

Size	Trout Species	Lot Size	Delivery Method	Cost / Lot	# Lots	Total Cost
6-8"	Rainbow	25 Fish	Pickup Required	$ 80		$
6-8"	Brook	25 Fish	Pickup Required	$ 80		$
10-12"	Rainbow	50 Fish	Delivered to Your Pond	$ 295		$
No 10-12" Brook Trout Available in 2023						
Fish Food				**Cost**	**# Bags**	
Whole Bag (40 lbs)				$ 50		$
Half Bag (20 lbs)				$ 35		$
TOTAL - Fish and Fish Food						**$**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address (Street, Town, State, Zip Code): _____

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Pond Delivery Directions (if ordering 10-12" Rainbow Trout): _____

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Frequently Asked Questions

Rainbow Trout can tolerate warmer water (55-65*F is optimal) and tend to be somewhat hardier. The rainbow trout is gamier than the brook trout, often leaping from the water to strike a fly and is also excellent eating. Rainbows can survive in stagnant water, have a longer life span and grow faster than brook trout, and can be handled for catch and release fishing.

Brook Trout are native to eastern North America and require a year-round supply of cold, oxygenated water (45-60*F is optimal). The brook trout is generally considered a favorite game fish with its beauty, easy catchability and unrivaled table appeal combining to make it the highly reputable fish that it is.

Generally, it is okay to **mix different species of trout or trout of different sizes**. In some situations, competition, limited feed, and cannibalism can destroy the weaker and/or smaller trout. Trout will eat other trout half their size or less. However, a healthy pond with plenty of insects and plant life will minimize any incompatibility. **Purchasing feed** is generally only for fun. Trout will rise when you throw a handful of feed out and are fun to watch, but their best diet is native insects and plants.

How many trout would be suitable for a pond? Pond conditions dictate numbers and species of trout to stock. The average one-acre pond with a depth of eight feet that stays full all summer with fresh water can generally support 300 trout. Any of several variables may advocate stocking fewer trout, the most important being a dropping water level during the hot, summer months. The warmer the water, the lower the dissolved oxygen content, so it is important not to overstock a pond if the water level tends to drop during late summer.

More information about ponds can be found on websites for the **VT Fish and Wildlife Department**: Wildlife Habitat Management - A Landowner's Guide and **VTDEC Lakes and Ponds Program:** Private Ponds.