

## Media Advisory

### Pond Owners to Pick Up Fish Fingerlings in Initiative to Stock Ponds, Advance Water Quality

Dozens of Mahoning Valley pond and lake owners will bring bags, totes and coolers to the Canfield Fairgrounds Tuesday to pick up hundreds of fish fingerlings ordered through the Mahoning County Soil & Water Conservation District, a leading advocate for conservation and environmental protection. Fish help sustain water quality, which in turn supports animal and plant life.

**What** Spring pond-stocking fish sale pick-up of Japanese koi, white amur, largemouth bass, bluegill, hybrid bluegill, channel catfish, redear shellcrackers, yellow perch and minnows.

**Where** Canfield Fairgrounds - 7265 Columbiana-Canfield Road

**When** 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 12

**Who** MSWCD staff, Fender's Fish Hatchery & local pond and lake owners

#### CONTACTS:

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## Mahoning SWCD Fish Stocking Spring 2020 Order Form

**How?** Mahoning SWCD, 850 Industrial Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44509 Phone: 330.740.7995

**When?** Dead line to order: Friday, May 8, 2020  
 Pick-up Date – Tuesday, May 12, 2020  
 From 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Where?** Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana-Canfield Road, Canfield Ohio 44406

**What?** Fingerling size Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Crappies, Yellow Perch, Redear Shellcrackers, Minnows, White Amur, & Japanese Koi

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

*What to bring when you pick up your order:*

- 5-8 gallons of pond water per 100 fish of each species
- 5 gallons of water for every 2 white amur
- 30-gallon trash can(s) lined with trash bags that can be tied shut – NO HOLES in the bags, please!
- Less than 150 bass, bluegill, minnows, perch or catfish can be put in one container

*Fish are guaranteed to be delivered in good condition; however, we do not guarantee survival after you have stocked them in your pond. NO REFUNDS!*

### STOCKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommended species for stocking northeast Ohio lakes and ponds: largemouth bass, channel catfish and bluegill.
- Largemouth bass feed almost exclusively on other fish; forage species should be stocked as a food source, i.e., bluegill.
- Perch should be stocked in newer ponds only, preferably without overflows, at a rate of 100 per acre
- Minnows can be stocked as a food source for bass.
- It is not recommended to stock minnows in ponds with existing bluegill population.
- The recommended stocking rate for minnows is 1,000 per acre.
- Stock recommended species in proper ratio: 100 bass, 100 crappies, 200 bluegill or 200 shell crackers and 100 catfish per surface acre of water.
- Crappies will **NOT** be available during Spring if the weather is unusually warm.

SPECIES	INFORMATION	SIZE	QUANTITY	COST	TOTAL
Fathead Minnows	Good source of food for sport fish	1-2"		\$8.00 for 100	
Largemouth Bass	Popular with anglers; typical weight 2-3 lbs can reach 5-6 lbs	2-3"		\$0.95	
Bluegill	"Catchable for kids; needs predator fish stocked for management	2-4"		\$0.90	
Channel Catfish	Reproduction issues in ponds; can live well in ponds reaching 5-15lbs	4-5"		\$0.80	
Redear Sunfish (Shellcracker)	Eats snails & small mollusks	2-4"		\$0.90	
Yellow Perch	Typically stocked for human consumption; can compete w/Bass; must have vegetation/structure for spawning	2-3"		\$0.90	
White Amur	Minnow family member; stocked for vegetation control; will not spawn	8-10"		\$15.00	
Japanese Koi	Colorful; stocking rate usually 5 koi/acre; great for duckweed control	6-8"		\$13.00	
Hybrid Bluegill	Very fun lively sport fish.	2-4"		\$0.85	
Pond Conditioner	1 Gallon or 5 Gallon Nature's Pond Conditioner	1 or 5 gal		\$90 or \$375	
<b>Total Due</b>					\$