

**2024 Spring Trout Sale – Franklin County NRCD (you can also order online at [FranklinCountyNRCD.org](http://FranklinCountyNRCD.org))**

6-8” fish in lots of 25 can be picked up at the Pickup Location: the Park and Ride at 48 Fairfax Road in St. Albans, VT. 10-12” Rainbow Trout require a minimum order of 50 and will be delivered to your pond - please give detailed delivery directions.

**Pick-up and delivery date: 1:00 pm on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024.** Please check your email regularly for any changes or updates to this information. Please fill out this form and deliver or mail it with payment (check preferred) **no later than April 22<sup>nd</sup>** to the address below or order online at [FranklinCountyNRCD.org](http://FranklinCountyNRCD.org).

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"	Brook	25 Fish	Pickup Required	\$ 80		\$
6-8"	Rainbow	25 Fish	Pickup Required	\$ 80		\$
10-12"	Rainbow	50 Fish	Delivered to Your Pond	\$ 330		\$
*No 10-12" Brook Trout Available in 2024*						
<b>Fish Food</b>				<b>Cost</b>	<b># Bags</b>	
Whole Bag (40 lbs)				\$ 60		\$
Half Bag (20 lbs)				\$ 40		\$
<b>TOTAL - Fish and Fish Food</b>						<b>\$</b>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (Street, Town, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Pond Delivery Directions (if ordering 10-12” Rainbow Trout): \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 catch-ability, 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.