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PO Box 64, North Haverhill, NH 03774
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2026 TROUT STOCKING PROGRAM

Orders Due by Friday April 17th, 2026: Mail Order Form, Check, and Directions (if applicable) **to:**
Grafton County Conservation District, PO Box 64, North Haverhill, NH 03774

DELIVERY DATE: MONDAY, MAY 4th, 2026, Noon - 12:30 pm

- You must pick up your trout promptly at Noon to 12:30 pm OR designate someone to pick them up for you. and give them your order postcard to bring along
- Trout MUST be released into your pond as soon as possible for best survival
- PICKUP LOCATION: Grafton County Farm Stand Parking Lot, NH Route 10, North Haverhill (across from the Grafton County Nursing Home)

IMPORTANT:

- Brook Trout require cold, clear running water year-round to survive
- Orders of 10-12" trout will be delivered to ponds after pickup at the Grafton County Farm Stand
    - This requires detailed, written directions to the pond including: Customer's name and telephone number, town where pond is located, and road names along the route

Name:		Phone Number:	
Email Address:			
Mailing Address:			
Town:		State:	Zip:
	Size (and Price)	**Number of Fish**	**Cost**
Brook Trout	**6-8”** (25 for $70)		
Rainbow Trout	**6-8”** (25 for $70)		
Rainbow Trout *(attach complete pond directions)*	**10-12”** (50 for $255)		
20 lb Bag Floating Feed	$40.00		
40 lb Floating Feed	$60.00		
		TOTAL COST	**$**

Email lsokoloski@graftoncountynh.gov or call (603) 787-6973 with questions

Grafton County Conservation District is offering trout for pond stocking this year

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Before ordering your fish, consider:

- Trout require cold water
- Trout ponds must have at least one quarter acre of surface area, and side slopes of 2:1 or 3:1, to a minimum depth of three feet to suppress vegetation. For trout, the deeper the pond, the better. Spring-fed ponds should have a depth of eight feet over one quarter of the total area. Runoff ponds should be at least ten feet deep over one quarter of the total area
- *Pond Design, Installation & Maintenance*, a guidebook produced by the Merrimack County Conservation District, suggests the following stocking rates: 30-40 6-8" fish for a 1/4 acre pond; 60-85 6-8" fish for a 1/2 acre pond; and 120-170 6-8" fish for a 1 acre pond
- Water temperature measured 6" below the surface should not exceed 70° Fahrenheit during the warmest time of the year. Brook Trout prefer 45-60° Fahrenheit. Rainbows are hardier and will tolerate slightly warmer temperatures. On the hottest summer days, trout seek the lower, cooler levels of water between 55-60° Fahrenheit
- When feeding trout, water temperatures should be between 45-65° Fahrenheit. Feed only the amount of pellets that will be eaten in 15 minutes. Once fish reach 8-9" in length, pond may be fished heavily. Remaining fish will gain weight faster
- The pH should range between 6 - 9, pH = 7 is desirable. Dissolved oxygen should be 5 ppm or more. Because trout usually do not reproduce in small ponds, it may be necessary to restock the pond every two years
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