

Mid-summer 2009 Newsletter

Services WLPR offers:

- ◆ Consulting
- ◆ Chemical applications
- ◆ Aeration and fountain sales and service
- ◆ Fish stocking
- ◆ Aquatic plant installation
- ◆ Pond liner sales and installation
- ◆ Permitting and licensing assistance
- ◆ Water testing

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What we saw this summer....

The spring started with many disappointed pond owners. As the ice melted, signs of winter kill showed its ugly face as dead fish started to litter the open shorelines. Heavy snow cover, coupled with long periods of ice cover, was too much for many ponds. Restocking and aeration installations, along with all of our normal fountain installations kept us busy early on.



As the water temperatures rose, early season algae blooms were fairly common and many treatments were performed. Applications of Wisconsin Pond Products nutrient management, bacteria, and enzyme agents helped to minimize algae blooms on many ponds. Then, sago-pondweed came **with a vengeance!** If you had dense mats of a "grassy" plant in your pond, you weren't alone. We treated more sago-pondweed this year than in the past.

Mid summer algae blooms were common in June, but most ponds stabilized in July. We'll see how the rest of the summer turns out.

We continually identify more and more ponds that contain nuisance species of *Lyngbya* and *Oscillatoria*. This blue-green algae spends most of the summer on the bottom of the pond and shows its face during late July and August. It is grayish in color and has the feel of wet leather. Management is very difficult, but not impossible. Contact us if you think your pond is inhabited by this algae.

The balance of the season looks to be very normal. Water levels are slightly low, but with the heavy rains lately in parts of the state, most ponds will fill back up. We do anticipate the algae to bloom again in August.

This fall we will be busy again servicing and installing aerators; removing fountains; stocking fish; and installing pond liners. Let us know if we can assist you getting your pond ready for the winter.

All in all, we hope you have enjoyed your ponds again this season!

Fall Fish Stocking

WLPR is currently taking orders for fall fish stocking. Fall is a great time to stock that new pond, re-stock a winter kill pond, or replenish fish populations in existing ponds.

Don't wait too long to order – fall fish inventories are typically tight and run out fast. The deadline to order is September 1. Deliveries are typically done in October. You can call in your order or fill out the enclosed order form and fax or email it to our office.



****Winterkill Alert****

We have had two consecutive winters where winterkill reports were at an all time high. Will there be a third? Do you have the appropriate tools in place to minimize the risk of losing all your fish? If you have been putting off aerating your pond, there is no better time than now.



WLPR supplies several styles, brands, and makes of aeration systems. With all the various types available, fine pore diffused aeration still dominates the market. Due to the low overhead cost, low operation cost, and low maintenance cost, pond owners find these systems to be the most practical. Systems range from \$600 for basic fishery management up to \$2000 for water quality management for a 1 acre pond.



Who's who at WLPR

Wendy—Office Staff

Shirley—Office Staff

Cory—Owner and Senior Pond Manager

Greg—Service Technician

Zach—Intern/biologist

Seth—Senior Pond Manager/biologist

Brittney—Office Staff

Abbey (down front) - Moral Support

1st Annual Pond Days - A success...Despite the Weather

Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource, LLC put on the first annual Pond Days this spring. Even though it was a bit chilly, area pond owners took time out of their busy schedules to learn how they can improve their pond management techniques. WLPR staff demonstrated how to effectively mix and apply algaecides, identify aquatic plants, and identify pond concerns. WLPR biologists were also available for a general question and answer session. Attendees appreciated the information, enjoyed the conversations with other pond owners, and appreciated the refreshments and product discounts!



We held Pond Days on one of our client's ponds just north of Slinger, right off highway 41. If you were unable to make this year's pond days, come join us next year for even more exciting demonstrations. Look for more details to come!

WLPR Provides Decorative Fountains to Local Municipalities



The Town of Menasha and the City of Sun Prairie are enjoying their ponds even more this year with the addition of new fountains. What's even more exciting; both of these projects are a first for Wisconsin!

The Town of Menasha received requests for installing a pair of fountains in one of their storm-water ponds. However, there are new WDNR requirements for installing aerators and fountains in storm-water ponds, and this particular pond had greater requirements than others. In a joint effort between Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource LLC, the Town of Menasha, and Aquamaster Fountains and Aerators, we were able to comply with the requirements of the WDNR and install the first fountain system under the new state codes.

In short, the fountains are required to shut down during any rain event that would result in water discharging from the pond. Then the fountains are required to stay off for a period of 48 hours after the water stops discharging. We were able to equip the fountain control panel with a moisture sensing probe coupled to a digital timer system. So far everything is working perfectly!

Sun Prairie has the Largest Fountain Display in the State! This summer, the city of Sun Prairie decided to re-install another fountain in their storm-water pond located off hwy 151. They opted to install a 25 hp Aquamaster Celestial fountain which was supplied, installed, and will be serviced by Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource LLC. Check out the beautiful display the next time you go to Madison – it is even more spectacular at night!



WLPR Continues Advancements in Sprayer Systems

No matter how good the product is your applying, if you don't apply it correctly you will not see the results you are looking for. We demonstrated that at our Pond Days seminar. WLPR understands that if customers are going to hire a professional to treat their pond, they want the products applied with the best equipment available.

Our application vessels are equipped with the following:

- ◆ Flood nozzle equipped booms for even distribution and accurate coverage
- ◆ Flow control monitoring for consistent slurry concentrations
- ◆ Sealed containment systems for applicator and environment safety
- ◆ GPS units for speed control and site specific accuracy



WLPR Commercial Fleet

- 12', 14', and 16' vessels equipped with commercial sprayers
- 16' boom crane vessel for installing and servicing fountains and aeration equipment
- Polaris Ranger equipped with a remote sprayer for terrestrial and shoreline applications
 - Handheld blower assemblies for accurate application of granular products



**Contact us to start planning for next season.
Please let us know how we can earn your business!
Check out our newly updated website coming SOON!**