

Pond Season is Almost Here!!

Services WLPR offers

- Integrated Pond Management
- Consulting
- Chemical applications
- Aeration and fountain
- Sales and Service
- Fish stocking
- Aquatic plant installation
- Pond liner sales and installation
- Permit and licensing assistance
- Water testing

It's never too early
 to think about
 nuisance plant &
 algae control

Featured Photo



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2nd Annual Pond Days

For the Do-it-Yourself Pond Manager
 Saturday, May 8th 2010

FREE -
 OPEN TO
 THE PUBLIC

Free HOW-TO Sessions Scheduled all Day

- 09:00-09:45: Algaecides & Herbicides
- 10:00-10:45: Staying one step ahead of algae
- 11:00-11:45: Looking at your pond through the eyes of a professional
- 12:00-1:00: Open question session with WLPR biologists
- 1:00-1:45: Repeat—Algaecides and Herbicides
- 2:00-2:45: Repeat—Staying one step ahead of algae
- 3:00-3:45: Repeat—Looking at your pond through the eyes of a professional

All Sessions will include a 15 minute question and answer session at the end.

10% off most pond management products

See
 Enclosed
 Map
 For
 Directions

Free Coffee, Soda, & Snacks



2009 Pond Days



**Save 10% on these products
 at Pond Days Only!**

Specially Formulated to Improve Water Quality Parameters

- Lake and Pond Colorant
- Water Clarity Bacteria
- Water Quality Enzymes
- Sediment Reducing Bacteria
- Phosphate Reduction Agents



Integrated Pond Management



Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource, LLC provides numerous lake and pond management services. One service that continually gains popularity with our customers is our Integrated Pond Management program. In fact, our pond management team has grown faster than any other department due to the acceptance of IPM programs.

Why is it so popular? If you have ever searched the internet for "Pond Management Products", be prepared to sit at your computer for awhile. When you are done researching 1% of the available information, you will be more confused than when you started. With an IPM program, our biologists will evaluate your site, determine the correct products to be used, and guide you through the many options available. We do not stop there, our biologists will apply the products for you professionally, accurately, and on a timely schedule.

Who uses this program? Even though we have a diverse clientele that utilize this program, they all have the same common goal—to achieve the highest standard for their pond by improving water quality parameters and aesthetics while minimizing algacide and herbicide dependency. It does not matter if the client is a private pond owner, corporate property manager, or a golf course superintendent; we customize the program to fit their needs.

What are the primary benefits? There are many benefits to Integrated Pond Management programs. A few key ones are:

- 1) IPM programs are considered "hands free" for the client. We do ALL the work.
- 2) We utilize environmentally friendly products as the core of the program.
- 3) We guarantee results!

If you are tired of being confused with all the product options or just do not have the time to give your pond the attention it deserves, but still want to maintain the pond in the best condition possible, let Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource, LLC design a management plan that fits your needs!

Exotic Invasive Species. Why All the worry?

In recent years exotic invasive species have become a topic that we are continuously hearing about. Within the last few years there have been a couple of predominate exotic species that we have been looking for or concerned about. Asian carp (Big head and silver carp), red swamp crayfish, and hydrilla are of the biggest concern as of late. We still continue to manage Eurasian Water Milfoil, Phragmites, and curly leaf pond weed as the predominate exotic invasive species.

Asian carp are the biggest threat to our waterways at this moment. Though they have not reached our waters yet they are within a mile of entering Lake Michigan waters. Once these fish reach the waters of Lake Michigan it could have major effects on the fish populations, potentially ruining a 4.5 billion dollar fishing industry.



The **Red Swamp Crayfish** are a new invasive species that were discovered in a pond in southeast Wisconsin last summer. This species of crayfish is native to the Gulf Coast in warm swampy areas. They are prolific breeders and outcompete native crayfish for food. They have also been known to travel many miles at night or during wet weather.

Hydrilla is another major exotic invasive species that we are continually looking for. Hydrilla is an aquatic plant that can form dense mats blocking sunlight from native species of aquatic plants. **This is a difficult plant to identify because it's resemblance to a native plant, Elodea. The main difference that people need to look at is Hydrilla leaves have a saw tooth edge on them.** Hydrilla was thought to not be capable of surviving in Wisconsin, but it was found in a pond in 2007 in northern Wisconsin.



Meet our NEW Fisheries Management Specialist: Phil Clayton

Phil grew up in a small town south of Madison, WI. He graduated from high school in 2001 and attended UW Stevens Point where he obtained his degree in fisheries biology and biology. During the summer of 2004 he worked for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a fisheries technician tagging walleyes on the famed Lake Mille Lacs. During the summer of 2005 he worked as a fisheries technician at Fort McCoy performing cold water stream habitat assessments, stream rehabilitation, fish sampling, fyke netting, and electro fishing (backpack and barge). During his time at Stevens Point he was an active participant in the fisheries society. The fisheries society participated in many different activities with the Wisconsin DNR and other groups. They did numerous fyke net surveys on the Wisconsin River, helped with stream restorations, fyke net surveys on local lakes, and added fish structure to local area lakes. When Phil graduated in 2006 he took a job with the Missouri Department of Conservation as a fisheries technician. During that summer he participated in lots of electro fishing surveys on lakes. He also did some lake rehabilitation work, fenced off areas and planted native aquatic plants in the fenced in areas. After this he worked in the lake and pond management industry for 2 years before joining Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource in January.

Phil is an avid outdoorsman that enjoys deer hunting (bow and gun), fishing, ice fishing, pheasant hunting, and duck hunting. He also enjoys golfing and camping. He has been married for just over a year and has a 10 month old son named Trevor. He also owns 2 dogs; a 2.5 year old pug (Wrinkles) and a 1.5 year old chocolate lab (Korbel).



Good News from the Field...

Based on preliminary reports and the conditions we experienced this winter we are not anticipating many ponds to experience winter kill conditions like we did the last two seasons. We will again be stocking numerous ponds throughout Wisconsin. If you would like to have your pond stocked with fish, please give us a call or complete the enclosed order form so we can add you to our list for the 2010 Spring Fish Stocking. Delivered directly to your site!

Common fish stocking list

<i>Species</i>	<i>Initial stocking</i>	<i>Supplemental stocking</i>
Fathead Minnows	25-50 lbs/acre	50-100 lbs/acre
Hybrid bluegills	250-500 per acre	100-250 per acre
Large mouth bass	50-75 per acre	25-50 per acre
Yellow perch	150-300 per acre	100-200 per acre



Fish, like all species, need a place to hide and live. Adding artificial structure is highly recommended but often overlooked by many pond owners. WLPR builds and installs fish cribs for your lake or pond. Call us for details.





Spring ✓ List



Soon the snow will be melting, the birds will be chirping, and the smell of spring will be in the air. You're looking forward to enjoying the recreational benefits your pond provides. You can maximize your pond's attributes by performing the following steps:

Analyze your fishery

Walk around the pond and look for fish that didn't survive the winter.

Stock fish

Early orders will ensure the best selection and that sufficient quantities are available.

Start up aeration systems and install fountains

Spring is an ideal time to have your system maintained for sound operation all season long.

Apply dye

Add dye to the pond soon after ice is off to maximize management benefits. Maintain the dye levels throughout the season to reduce unsightly algae and weed growth.

Apply nutrient reduction agents

One of the first management procedures we perform is applying Phosclear & Polymer blocks to remove excess nutrients in ponds. This will aid in reducing algae for the balance of the season.

Treat aquatic plants

May is the best time to treat aquatic plants in ponds. Control the plants before they get to nuisance levels.

Apply bacteria and enzyme agents

Starting the season off with the use of beneficial products like bacteria and enzymes can reduce algae blooms, increase water clarity, eliminate pond smells, and reduce pond sludge.

Obtain DNR Aquatic Plant Management permits or DATCP Fish Hatchery license

Contact WLPR for assistance.

Refill and set injection units

Start off the season with Wisconsin Pond Products Water Quality Enzymes and switch to Water Clarity Bacteria when temperatures reach 65°.

Check for winter ice damage

Shifting ice can cause structural damage to shorelines, riprap, piers and pylons.

Debris removal

Remove the dead debris from aquatic plants to allow new growth.



Call us for further information or assistance. We are here to help!

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Check out our new interactive website at the same address: **www.wisconsinLPR.com**
And then come back often to learn new things about your pond.

If you would prefer to receive newsletters electronically, please email our office at Brittney@wisconsinlpr.com and put "green newsletter" in the subject line.