

Sledding 101

Always choose a safe sled, dress appropriately, and then scope out a safe sledding hill.

Maintain Adult Supervision

According to the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons, 71% of all sledding injuries occur without adult supervision. Keep an eye on all kids younger than 12 and hop on the

sled with any kids younger than 5.

Sled With Caution

Teach your kids these sledding safety tips:

- Always sled sitting up and facing forward — never headfirst, facing backward or standing.
- Go down the hill one at a time to avoid collisions.
- Never ride a sled being

pulled by a moving vehicle.

- Keep arms and legs inside the sled at all times.
- Walk up the side of the hill.
- Don't cut off or run into others.



Ponderings

Here we are, fast into another year. It seems unreal that we are working on our 27th season. As always, we have evaluated what has worked and what needed tweaking, and there will be a few changes for 2016.

There will be two, instead of three, water garden maintenance options. The two plans will allow you to use the visits in any time period or one year maximum, and will include an opening, a winterizing, and your net removed once and installed once.

The two programs are either ten visits or twenty visits.

The ten cleaning or service visits cost \$750.00

The twenty visit option costs \$900.00.

Neither plan includes major repairs and is for one average-size pond.

SUMMARY:

Maintenance10-Spring opening, 10 cleanings or service checks, and winterizing for \$750.00.

Maintenance20-Spring opening, 20 cleanings or service checks, and winterizing for \$900.00.

BOTH include 1x net installation, and 1x net removal, one spring opening, and one winterizing. You have a maximum of one year to use the total number of visits. Year begins from the date of spring opening. Account must be paid in full and in good standing. Either Maintenance10 or Maintenance20, the cost must be paid in full before we will begin.

Lawn Wiser

We will NOT be accepting any new lawn mowing clients in 2016 unless you either

- 1) are a former lawn mowing client
- 2) choose two or more services from our property management menu.

For Example:

Two years ago we mowed your lawn for you, but you tried to tackle it on your own last year. This year you ask for our help again, and we would accept.

Or, you have never used our lawn mowing service but would like to. You can sign up for lawn mowing and one other service. i.e. lawn treatments, pond maintenance, or

flower planting.

That makes you a Property Management Client and we would be thrilled to have you on board. These accounts are paid monthly.

Questions?

Call 330-833-FROG

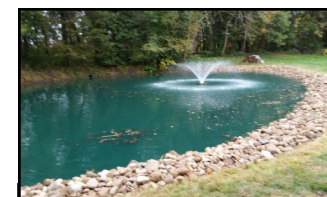
Not Just Another Pretty Water Spout

We offer lake management treatments. There is either a 12 or 14 treatment option. A customized program can be created to meet your individual need(s). Call Denny at 330-685-3637 to discuss your specific large pond or lake.

No storefront, no problem. We can offer you competitive pricing on aerator/fountain systems with our without lighting. The price includes normal installation. Electricity must be available near the pond's shoreline.

Probably 75% of our customers install a fountain for the beautiful aesthetics it pro-

vides. But these systems provide so much more. It is vital to keep your pond's water churning and just like the heart cleanses our blood, as the water is pumped through the aerator, it is cleansed. It also helps to regulate water temperature which can be crucial in controlling weeds and algae.



It's time to spout off!

If "spouting off" is not your cup of water, we also install underwater bubbleers.

Call your local lake professional for more details at 330-685-3637.

New clients incur a \$100 consultation fee that must be paid by credit card at the time of the consultation. If you use Pond Wiser for lake management or fountain installation during the current calendar year, we will reimburse your first invoice with the \$100 consultation fee paid.

Goose Nuisance?

There are four top reasons Canadian Geese are considered a nuisance, even though I'm sure we could come up with many more. The four most often touted as the top reasons are:

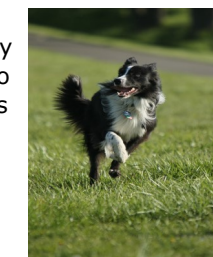
4. Canadian Geese overgraze lawns, trample turf and eat crops.

3. During nesting, geese can be aggressive and territorial.

2. Droppings contain nitrogen, bacteria and viruses that create a health concern.

And the number one reason Canadian Geese are a nuisance is -

Each goose on a property leaves one to three pounds of droppings per day.



"Vic, our specially trained Border Collie, is ready to control the geese at your property."

Lake Life

Let's talk invasive plants in your lake. This month's focus is on curly-leaf pondweed.

Curly-leaf pondweed is an invasive aquatic plant and was brought into the US as an aquarium plant. Leaves are reddish-green, oblong with wavy leaf edges and about 3" long. Stems are flat and grow from 1 to 3 feet long. Curly-leaf forms a low-growing thick- et at the bottom of the lake.

New plants are forming now under the ice so it is one of the first pondweeds to emerge in the spring. Its tolerance for low light and temps allow it to outcompete native plant species in the spring. Curly-leaf pondweed also forms mats on the water surface that can interfere with boats and other forms of water recreation.

If you launch a boat where you suspect curly-leaf infestation, remove all plant fragments and mud when you remove your boat. Throw the plant fragments in the trash. Do not throw it back into the water.



Curly-leaf Pondweed