

### Hoppin' Down the Bunny Trail...

- A female rabbit is called a doe.
- A male rabbit is called a buck.
- A young rabbit is called a kit (or kitten).
- Rabbits live in groups.
- The European rabbit lives underground, in burrows. A group of burrows is known as a warren.

- More than half of the world's rabbits live in North America.
- Rabbits have long ears which can be as long as 10 cm (4 in).
- Rabbits have a lifespan of around 10 years.
- Rabbits are herbivores (plant eaters).
- Pet rabbits that live

inside are often referred to as 'house rabbits'.

- Rabbits reproduce very quickly. This can be a major headache for people living in agricultural areas where rabbits are seen as pests.

- Rabbits are born with their eyes closed and without fur.

**HAPPY EASTER**



### Ponderings

Fishing is a favorite pastime of many Ohioans and one of the most enduring family traditions still today. A first fish or a day shared on the water is a memory that lasts a lifetime.

This isn't surprising since Ohio has more than 40,000 miles of streams, 2.4 million acres of Lake Erie and inland water, and 450 miles of the Ohio River. You will find Ohio

fishes come in a wide range of sizes, shapes and colors and live in a variety of aquatic habitats from the largest lakes and rivers to the smallest ponds and creeks. Our state supports more than 160 species of fish.

If you ever have any questions regarding fishing, contact your local Ohio Division of Wildlife Office. Our office is known as Wildlife District

Three and is located at 912 Portage Lakes Dr in Akron. Their phone number is 330-644-2293.

Questions about the fish in your backyard pond? Give Denny a call at 330-685-3637.

(The information contained herein is from the ODW's Ohio Fish Identification Guide.)

### Landscaping

Are you aware Pond Wiser offers landscaping services? We provide edging, mulching, pruning, plant replacement, and flower planting. Give us a call if you would like some help with these back-breaking chores this year.

For the DIYers out there, late winter and early spring

is the perfect time for pruning plants that did not get trimmed back in the fall. Some shrubs, such as hydrangea, should be left all winter and spent flowers removed now.

Be patient when cleaning out flower beds. Many flowers drop seeds into the soil and if you start raking

or turning over the soil too soon, you will disrupt their sprouting and may lose many of the new offspring for this season.

Patience is also a virtue when it comes to lawn mowing. Allow your yard to get a good 1-2" of growth before the first mowing.



Don't feed your fish until the water temp reaches 50 degrees.

### Lawn-dering

We were recently audited by the Ohio Department of Agriculture because we have three licenses through the agency; a Business Pesticide License for Pond Wiser, and Denny has a license as a Commercial Pesticide Applicator for Aquatic Care and for Turf Care. The law states that if someone is applying chemical to water or turf, **FOR HIRE**, (those being the key words), then they are

required to be licensed. If you pay the person to put chemicals in your pond or on your lawn, **they must be licensed**. Applicators are also required to have their state license on them at all times while providing treatments.

If you are unsure if the person you have hired is adequately licensed, go to the ODA's website and search. Even if the applicator is licensed, they

must be working for a business who has a current Business Pesticide License too.

**PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO PROTECT OUR EARTH!**

BTW, we passed our audit with flying colors.



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

### Border Patrol for Goose Control

January through April are the prime months for goose control. If geese are not deterred during these months, they will likely find your home a great nesting area and become THEIR home. Geese have been known to nest near each other in gang broods of up to approximately 20 birds.

Consider twenty birds living on your property, and each bird creates approximately three pounds of fecal matter daily. Now that's a lot of poo! Their droppings create a health risk to humans and can cause nutrient loading in water; which in turn triggers algal blooms and excessive plant

growth in lakes.

Vic works throughout Stark County at residences and several Belden Village businesses have taken advantage of this unique service Pond Wiser is proud to offer.

Call Denny at 330-685-3637 for a consultation.

### Lake Life

If a fountain for your large pond or lake is something you've been thinking about, Pond Wiser offers all types of aerator/fountains. The costs includes installation. All you will need to provide as a business or homeowner, is an electric line run

near the shoreline of the pond.

These units not only add beauty to the ponds, but provide much needed water aeration to help control weed and algae growth by keeping the water a more uniform tempera-

ture throughout the season.

In the late fall, Pond Wiser can provide a winter storage plan for the unit.

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