# Pond Buffer Management Guide

This printable pond buffer management guide helps fish farmers, pond owners and managers plan and keep a vegetated buffer around a pond. Follow the steps in order.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Walk the pond edge and sketch it
2. Note runoff paths into the pond
3. Pick suitable native plants
4. Plan fencing or livestock limits
5. Prepare the planting area
6. Plant and water per local advice
7. Control weeds in the new buffer
8. Review buffer yearly

**YOUR NOTES**

**TIP** Contact your NRCS office about buffer practices and any cost-share that may apply to your pond.