Pond Construction Guide

Guide for planning a farm pond, covering site choice, permits, soils, design help and the care needed once the pond is built. Work through the steps in order and keep notes on what you find along the way.

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1. Define the purpose of the pond
2. Pick a site with suitable soils
3. Review watershed and runoff
4. Check water rights and permits
5. Get a design from a qualified source
6. Plan the dam and spillway
7. Prepare the site and clear vegetation
8. Seed and protect the embankment
9. Plan inspections and upkeep

YOUR NOTES

TIP Get professional design help, because dam and spillway failure can harm neighbors and downstream property.

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