

Home Owner Pond Inspection Checklist

We encourage you to copy this checklist and maintain a record of your inspections. (Adapted from Hampton Roads: A Guide for Maintaining and Operating BMPs.) Answering YES to any of these questions indicates a need for corrective action or consultation with a professional inspector.

Date: _____ Inspected by: _____

What to look for . . .	Yes	No
◦ Does the facility show signs of settling, cracking, bulging, misalignment or other structural deterioration?	'	'
◦ Do the embankments, emergency spillways, side slopes or inlet/outlet structures show signs of erosion?	'	'
◦ Are the pipes going into and/or out of the pond clogged or obstructed?	'	'
◦ Do the impoundment and inlet areas show erosion, low spots or lack of stabilization?	'	'
◦ Are there trees present on the banks?	'	'
◦ Is there evidence of animal burrows?	'	'
◦ Are contributing areas unstabilized with evidence or erosion?	'	'
◦ Do vegetated areas need mowing or is there a build up of clippings that could clog the facility?	'	'
◦ Does sedimentation greatly decrease the BMPs capacity to hold water within the structure?	'	'
◦ Is there standing water in appropriate or inappropriate areas?	'	'
◦ Is there accumulation of trash or debris?	'	'
◦ Is there evidence of encroachment or improper use of the impounded areas?	'	'
◦ Are there signs of vandalism?	'	'
◦ Do any safety devices such as fences, gates or locks need repair?	'	'
◦ Is there excessive algae or dominance of one type of vegetation?	'	'
◦ Is there evidence of automotive fluids entering or clogging the facility?	'	'
◦ Is there evidence of a fish kill?	'	'

Additional Observations: _____

