

The Big Pond Tap 2012

Thaw

How big is your pond?

(Tick one box below)

Small

1 m x 1 m or less

Medium

Up to 5 x 5 m

Large

Bigger than this

Ice cover

Roughly for how long did ice cover the pond (tick one box)

1 week

2 weeks

3 weeks

4 weeks

Longer

Did you make a hole in the ice?

Yes

No

Did you break the ice?

Yes

No

If yes, how often? _____

Snow cover

Was the pond covered by snow?

Yes

No

Did you clear the snow from your pond?

Yes

No

Roughly for how long did snow cover the pond (tick one box)

1 week

2 weeks

3 weeks

4 weeks

Longer

How deep is your pond?

(Tick one box below)

Shallow

Nowhere more than 30 cm (1 foot) deep

Medium

Up to 60 cm deep (2 feet)

Deep

Deeper than this

In the pond do you have:

(Tick boxes that apply below)

Edge plants (include grass)



Floating-leaved plants



Plants completely
underwater



Is the pond filled by:

Rainwater only

Mixture of tapwater
and rainwater

Stream

Roughly what depth of leaf
litter and sediment is there
in the bottom of your pond
(tick one box)?

Very little / none: less than
3 cm (1inch)

Moderate: between 3 cm
(1 inch) and 15 cm (6 inches)

Deep: more than 15 cm
(6 inches)

Did you run a pump,
fountain, heater or other
device to keep pond open
during the freeze (tick each
item of equipment you ran)

Pump

Fountain

Heater

Other (list) _____

Wildlife

Do you have fish (tick Yes or No)? Yes No

What sort are they?

Did any of your fish die during or straight after the freeze (tick Yes or No)? Yes
No

Which, if any, fish died?

Do you have amphibians (tick Yes or No)? What sort are they? Yes No

Did you see any dead amphibians after the ice melted?

Tick box if yes, and add number

Common Frog	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Common Toad	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Smooth Newt	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Palmate Newt	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Great Crested Newt	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Did you see any dead smaller animals (e.g. mayflies, water beetles, dragonflies) after the ice melted?

Tick yes or no, and give brief details

Yes Details _____

No _____

Now what? Go online and tell us what you found by entering your data on the Big Pond Thaw webform.

We will report back the results over the next couple of months.

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