



# Aquatic Weed Control, Inc.

Locally Owned & Operated since 1992  
Orlando—Tampa—Fort Myers—Daytona Beach  
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Newsletter

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## What is blue and loves to eat Algae?



Blue Tilapia have become established in Texas and Florida. They thrive in our warm, tropical climate and love to eat algae.

We can add them to your retention pond(s) where they work in partnership with your spray technician to control plants like duckweed, watermeal, water hyacinth, water lettuce and most of all....ALGAE.

- They usually grow to 2-4 pounds. They can grow up to 6-9 pounds by the time they are 5 years old.
- They love warm waters with rich vegetation and algae.
- These fish feed off the bottom and that is where algae gets its start. Initially algae forms on the bottom of ponds and are brought to the surface by the oxygen they produce. Oxygen also makes more nutrients available from oxidation of organic materials that have fallen to the bottom of the pond. Blue Tilapia will eat these components while they are on the bottom, thus reducing algae blooms during the warmer months. They will also eat algae floating on top of the water.
- They can produce 100 to 2,000 eggs at a time, but not all will survive with larger fish like bass or catfish and water fowl around.
- These fish do not require a permit or a barrier, as they are only put into isolated retention ponds.

If you would like to add a little blue to your algae prone waterway, give us a call. 407-859-2020 or 800-543-6694.

## Our **KNOWLEDGE** is Your **OPPORTUNITY**

We take pride in educating our team at Aquatic Weed Control on an on-going basis. Our commitment to our team and our customers equals new opportunities to provide excellent service.

### *Account Information*

Start the New Year off right. If you have had a change in your account information, please let us know. It could be a change in an...

- email address
  - mailing address
  - contact person
  - phone number
- email Debbie at [Dbertakis@Aquaticweedcontrol.net](mailto:Dbertakis@Aquaticweedcontrol.net)

*Thank you*

## The Big **27!**

We are now entering our 27th year of providing aquatic services to Florida.

It all started with 1 teenager spraying with 1 backpack. The teenager has grown into a man and grown the company to over 40 employees serving over 1000 accounts which include:

- Home Owners Assoc.
- Home Communities
- Personal property
- Condo and Apartment Complexes
- Golf Courses
- City, County & State agencies
- Amusement Parks
- Small & Large businesses
- and More!

Services provided include, but are not limited to:

- Lake and wetland restoration
- Removal of unwanted vegetation
- Ongoing maintenance
- Planting of native plants
- Algae and aquatic weed control
- Fish stocking and More!