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Rainbow Trout. Timothy Knepp
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Spring Trout Releases

Public fishing opportunities will be enhanced this spring when more than 96,000 rainbow trout will be released into 61 Ohio lakes and ponds, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife.

The releasing of the rainbow trout, which are 10 to 13 inches long, will occur between March 8 and mid-May. Anglers are reminded the daily catch limit for inland lakes is five trout.

The 2012-13 fishing license will be available March 1. The license will be valid March 1 through Feb. 28, 2013. An annual resident fishing license costs \$19. Anglers age 16 and older must have an Ohio fishing license to fish the state's public waters. Ohio residents born on or before Dec. 31, 1937, may obtain a free fishing license where licenses are sold.

Additional information is available by calling toll-free at 800-WILDLIFE.



Worried about the possible dangers

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posed by that toy your child or grandchild keeps begging you to buy? Check it out on www.saferproducts.gov the federally mandated public website of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), which maintains a database of thousands of consumer products. The agency's mission is researching product safety to protect consumers and families from products with a risk of fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard and those that can injure children.

The site provides information on thousands of products under CPSC jurisdiction. It also offers the opportunity for consumers, child-service providers, health-care professionals, and others dissatisfied with the safety level of products they've already purchased to make others aware of the unsafe product by filing a report of harm.



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An amendment to the [FairCredit Reporting Act](#) (www.ftc.gov/os/statutes/fcrajump.shtml) requires each of the credit reporting agencies to provide a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months. Link to [Credit Report FAQs](#) brought to you as a courtesy of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) via the [USA.gov](#) blog (<http://blog.usa.gov/>) for more links and information.



Many agencies throughout the federal government host their own blogs, and the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#) (www.drugabuse.gov/) is no exception). They've got a blog called the [Sara Bellum Blog](#) to help teens prevent and combat drug abuse. The Sara Bellum Blog is written by scientists at NIDA and uses science to help teens understand the dangers of drug use. [Teen Brain, a Work in Progress](#), was a post back in September about the physiological effects that drugs have on young brains. Other posts include personal stories from recovered drug addicts and their families, and tips on avoiding drug abuse and the situations that may exacerbate it. The latest post focuses on stress relief for the holidays. The blog encourages teens who may be feeling down this time of year to use exercise and other activities to keep their spirits up, rather than drugs. This blog does a great job of getting the anti-drug message out without being sanctimonious.

Blog Helps Teens Understand Dangers of Drug Use

Disaster Assistance

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), along with 17 other U.S. government agencies, have partnered to create the Disaster Assistance Improvement Program's (DAIP) www.DisasterAssistance.gov E-Government initiative. The initiative is

the result of Executive Order 13411, which requires the federal government to simplify the process of identifying and applying for disaster assistance.

[DisasterAssistance.gov](#) is a user-friendly Web portal that consolidates disaster assistance information in one place. Individuals in need of assistance following a presidentially-declared

disaster designated for individual assistance can now go to DisasterAssistance.gov to register online.

Link to the [General Overview Flier](#) (<http://bit.ly/19MOhv>) for a brief explanation of the services available.

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