



# STONECO OF MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER

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Ottawa Lake, Maybee, Newport,  
Denniston, Ida, Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor

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## Safety First

### *Elevated Walkways*

At many of our locations we provide an elevated walkway to assist trucks while deploying their tarp. However we continue to see drivers not using them. At our Denniston, Newport, and Ottawa Lake locations the walkways can be accessed either while entering or exiting our quarries. At those locations the walkways can be used to gain access to the back of a truck trailer without climbing over the side. Many slip and fall accidents occur while climbing and a fatal fall can come from any height. Please remind drivers and trucks in your employ to take advantage of this safety tool that we provide, and help us in our goal of having a safe work place for our customers and employees.

## Don't Put It Off, Put It On

Aglime spreading season is once again upon us and in the face of ever increasing fertilizer costs there has never been a more important time to make sure you are getting a solid return on your investment. Based on agricultural studies at various universities a soil pH of 7.0 is ideal for corn, soybeans, and wheat. Studies found that with a soil pH of 6.0 20% of the fertilizer being used is wasted, a pH of 5.0 means that over 50% of the nutrients are being wasted, and a pH at 4.5 means 71% of the fertilizer is being wasted. Aglime is the most efficient method to balance pH and based on the increased throughput costs going into agriculture it doesn't make "cents" to put aglime spreading off.

## New & Exciting

Don't forget that we stock natural sand and gravel products at our Maybee and Ottawa Lake locations. These include Peastone, Mason Sand, 6A Natural, 1" x 3" Natural, 2NS, and Topsoil.

## New Hours

The "Frost Laws" or Seasonal Weight Restrictions will soon be lifted in the State of Michigan and all of its counties. While an official date hasn't been released for when they will be lifted, the below schedule will go into effect at all of our operations once they have been lifted.

Ottawa Lake: M-F 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Maybee: M-F 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Newport: M-F 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Denniston: M-F 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Zeeb Road: M-F 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Ida Sand: M, W, F: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Ann Arbor Rec: Tue & Thu 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

We are remaining closed on Saturdays until our summer hours go into effect; we expect that to happen in mid May. A current list of our hours can always be faxed to you on request or you can check our website [www.stoneco.net](http://www.stoneco.net). At nearly all of operations special arrangements can be made to open extended hours or on days that we are scheduled closed. Please contact Ryan Lumpford to make special arrangements.

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