

# Maintenance Checklist



## What to do and when to do it

Here is a quick checklist of procedures designed to carry your pond through the year. Obviously, these are only general routines and should be supplemented with region-specific information and with what works best in your local area.

### Early Spring (March-April)

- Pond activity begins slowly.
- Feed fish only if they are searching for food.
- Make sure equipment is clean and running properly.
- Conduct a partial water change, if needed.
- Dechlorinate and condition water.

### Late Spring (May-June)

- Increase feeding as warmer temperatures stimulate fish activity levels.
- Treat water with algicide, if needed.
- Remove "blanketweed" growth from water.
- Fish activity includes spawning and may require several small feedings throughout the day.

### Summer (July-August-September)

- Planting of pond and pondside plants can continue. Prune as appropriate.
- Treat for pond and plant pests as necessary.
- Fish spawning continues, feeding continues in small amounts almost on demand.
- Regular cleaning of pond bottom recommended.
- Monitor water quality and take appropriate action.
- Check/install anti-predator devices

### Autumn (October)

- Plant and fish activity begins to decrease.
- Remove some young fish to indoor quarters, if necessary, to guarantee winter survival.
- Keep pond free of leaves or other lawn debris.
- Carry out another partial water change if required.

### Winter (November-December)

- Feeding of fish ceases.
- Make sure persistent ice is removed to allow escape of gases. Use a pond de-icer.
- Remove and store pump if it is not to be used. Otherwise, start it and let it run a while every couple of days.
- Check regularly to evaluate overall pond conditions.

## How to calculate the approximate gallons in your pond

My pond holds approximately \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of water.

Formulas:

Square/Rectangular Ponds:

length x width x depth x 7.5 = gallons

Oval Ponds:

length x width x depth x 6.7 = gallons

Circular Ponds:

diameter x diameter x depth x 5.9 = gallons

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