

Spring Start Up Plan For Ponds

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Welcome to springtime!

If you're about ready to get your pond going again after a long, cold winter, use the step by step tips here to get started right.

- ☐ Remove any protective covering or netting from the pond area.
- ☐ Clean and remove debris from the bottom of the pond. Using a [pond vacuum](#) can be helpful in this instance. Check for bottom sludge build up. Most or all should be removed at the start of every spring and this may include a full pond cleaning.
- ☐ If any floating material is still on the surface of the pond be sure to remove that as well.
- ☐ Change or replace water as necessary based on level of cleaning needed.
- ☐ Do some basic water testing to get a baseline reading on several things such as pH and ammonia (this should be at zero). Check water temperature as well.
- ☐ *Remember...no feeding fish until water temperature is consistently above 50 degrees Fahrenheit.
- ☐ If bio-filter is installed, clean and/or replace the filter media and chamber.
- ☐ Recharge the system with [beneficial bacteria](#).
- ☐ Inspect other pond equipment and clean or repair as needed. UV lights may need to be replaced at this time.
- ☐ Turn on pump and features and look for problems such as poor pressure, flow, or leaks. Repair as needed.
- ☐ If you have fish, check them for any health issues such as scale damage, injury, parasites, or disease. Quarantine and/or treat as needed.
- ☐ Check salt content of water and add if needed. 1 lb of salt per 100 gallons is a general recommendation. Do not use iodized salt. Look for water softener salt (no rust preventative or additives) at a Lowes or Home Depot.

- ☐ **Begin plans for desired plants and get them in the pond when it's possible to do so. If pond get's a lot of sun exposure, focus on surface based floating plants for coverage. 30% or above if possible.**
- ☐ **Test water routinely throughout the season to ensure good water quality is maintained and your filtration systems are working properly.**
- ☐ **Take time to enjoy your pond!**

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