



# Aquatic Innovators, LLC



WATER GARDEN AND LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION, DESIGN, MAINTENANCE AND CONSULTING SERVICES

## Basic Pond Maintenance Schedule

### Daily/Periodically

Check water level and top off as necessary – add a dechlorinator (Pond Detoxifier) to protect fish  
Check debris net/basket inside skimmer - empty net if necessary  
Check for buildup of string/filamentous algae in pond and/or stream and physically remove before adding water treatments to help them work more effectively.  
Add Activated Pond Carbon if necessary to remove tannins and/or odors  
Check for dead/yellowing leaves/buds on plants and remove if necessary  
Look over your fish and note any change(s) in activity/behavior – watching for any problems

### Weekly

Add recommended dosage of Beneficial Bacteria for Ponds (temperature dependent).  
Note: For *water* below 50 degrees F, use Beneficial Bacteria for Cold Water  
Add recommended dosage of Sludge Cleaner for Ponds  
Add recommended dosage of EcoBarley Extract  
Clean filter mat/brushes in skimmer if necessary

### Monthly

Apply EcoBlast - if necessary or as preventative maintenance (works on contact with algae)  
Add S.A.B. - if necessary or as preventative maintenance (temperature dependent)

### Annually

Complete a good clean out, including emptying the water, rinsing the rocks, removing all possible organic material, and then refilling. While the water is drained out (fish should be temporarily placed in container at least 75 gallons or larger and aerated), you may want to consider pressure washing the stones to remove larger portion of algae and other build-up on the rocks.

### Fall/Winter Prep

Cover the pond and stream with netting for a couple of weeks to minimize the amount of leaves and other debris getting into the pond. The net can be removed after the leaves have fallen from the trees and have been raked up.  
Shut the system down and remove the pump for winter - store pump submerged in bucket of water in a non-freezing location for winter to protect seals from cracking.  
Remove and clean all filter pads/media - store in dry area. Remove as much organic material as possible before pond freezes over for the winter.  
Periodically check pond for and remove leaves and other organic material that may have blown or fallen in.  
Trim back the leaves on aquatic plants to about 1 inch above the water level.  
Trim back the leaves/pads on water lilies back to the tuber.

### Spring

After performing the complete annual clean out mentioned above (Annually), re-install all filtration media and components, pump, and check valve (if applicable) and start the system up again. Begin adding water treatments to your pond to get it off to a great start for the season. Beneficial Bacteria for Ponds should be added twice a week for 2 weeks, then weekly thereafter.

Important note: This is a general listing of basic steps to pond maintenance. Several other products/items can be utilized/added to the water feature, and other maintenance steps can be taken to increase your enjoyment of the water feature, and to draw others to your home or business. Be sure to read the labels and be familiar each of the products being used. Contact us with any questions or for more detailed information. Thank you.

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