MACCOURT
Premium Ponds

MAINTAINING YOUR LAWN POND

Introduction & Disclaimer

The following material is provided as a service to our customers. We recommend that you use this material as a guideline only.

Pond Maintenance

A well-balanced water garden requires relatively little maintenance. Occasional cleaning and frequent checks on its equipment and water level are about all that is needed.

Unless there is accumulated debris that cannot be removed by other means, there is no need to drain the pond on a regular basis. Instead, use a net or pond skimmer to remove the fallen leaves and other plant debris. Dead plant material that has accumulated at the bottom of the pond must be removed. Not only does a clean pond look better, it is also healthier for it's occupants. Decomposing plant material can smell and it pollutes the water for aquatic life.

A major clean-up requiring draining of the pond is the only time when it is safe to add a large quantity of fresh water to your pond. Most times we recommend adding small amounts of fresh water only. Keep an eye on the water level and top off the pond when needed, being careful not to alter the water temperature by more than a few degrees. Some people collect rain water in barrels, which can then be added to the pond as needed. This is a good idea if you are on municipal water that has been chemically treated.

If you do drain the pond, refill it immediately after cleaning. Allow the water to warm up before adding your plants. Cold water may shock some tender plants. Allow the pond to re-establish for at least 48 hours before adding your fish.

Algae control is usually the largest maintenance problem in a pond. When setting up a new pond it is normal to have excess algae growth until an ecological balance has been achieved. MacCourt's Natural Pond Treatment will maintain a natural balance in your pond.

The amount of oxygen in the water is also important. Oxygen is needed to support aquatic life such as fish, tadpoles and aquatic snails.

If your fish are coming to the surface gasping for air, you have a problem in your pond. You can increase the pond's oxygen levels by adding an aerating nozzle on a pump, planting more oxygenating plants or adding a bit of fresh water.

When water is exposed to air it will pick up essential oxygen. This is why many people use a recirculating pump to run a waterfall or fountain head. Moving water is aerated water.

Check our website www.maccourt.com for seasonal care and maintenance tips.