



Basic Pond Care

Top fall and bio-filter:

Always un-plug the pump before you do any maintenance.

Clean this filter system once a year, spring is a good time to do this.

Lift off any coverings over the top fall box and remove filter rock bag and foam filters below.

Rinse thoroughly and completely, make sure all dirt, algae and muck is gone before you put the filters back in.

Re-assemble the top fall box the same way you dis-assembled.

Skimmer Filter:

The skimmer needs to be cleaned more often than the top fall filters. The skimmer has a bag and a filter that needs to be cleaned. The bag catches big debris (leaves, mulch, trash) and the filter catches dirt and other small particles. Clean these filters 3-5 times per season, and even more if you have a lot of leaf litter in the fall.

To clean these filters, simply pull off the cover and remove the bag first, dump out any debris and rinse, the filter is below the bag and needs to be rinsed the same way you cleaned the top box filter. Put the skimmer back together and plug the pump back in.

Water and rocks:

Every two to four years it is a good idea to clean the sediment from the entire water feature. To do this, you should first drain the water (be mindful of your fish and plants). Rinse the rocks and any surface that is dirty, it is best to use a pressure washer for this, however you can use your hose with a high pressure nozzle. After you get the rocks clean, use a second pump (not your pond pump) to pump out the dirty water. Rinse and repeat if needed. Fill your pond to proper level and turn on the pump.

Green water and Algae:

There are many products available to clear up green water and algae. You can find these at garden centers and nurseries. We do not recommend any particular product, all ponds have different conditions that will affect the water in many ways, ie: well water, city water, sun exposure etc. When you find a product you like, stick with it.