

WINTERIZING YOUR POND

PLANTS:

- Remove dead or dying vegetation. If left it produces a toxic gas when trapped under ice.
- In October remove floating aquatic plants, they're not hardy.
- Submerged Aquatic Plants should be removed and compost or cut back to 2-4" tall. Hornwort, Dwarf Saggitaria and Vallisneria are hardy. Anacharis will survive some years.
- Hardy marginals can be cut back and placed back into water. Roots should not be allowed to freeze solid.
- Bring Tropical marginals into house and put in a sunny location. Treat it like a houseplant.

FISH:

- Switch to a low protein fish food; stop feeding at 45 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Inspect fish for disease and parasites
- Keep a hole in the ice
 - A pond heater should run every 4 days for 24 hours to allow gases to escape. The heaters are low wattage and thermostatically controlled.
 - Run a pump or aerator in shallow area of pond

PUMPS:

- Clean and store pumps in bucket of water in basement or somewhere it will not freeze.
- Store pump in softened water
- Shut off and remove pump when water temperature is between 40 – 50 degrees.
- Take out filters for winter, clean and store.

FILTERS:

- Clean biological filter when water stays below 50 degrees.

OTHER:

- Cover your pond with our debris nets making spring clean-up a snap! We have the center supports and staples to keep nets in place.
- November thru March, use Microbelift Winter Prep Solution.
- Light up your pond on the inside and out! You'll love the winter interest when it snows!