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HOW POND GUYS CAN HELP:



- New Installations & Rebuilds
- Water Feature Enhancements
- Pond Consultations
- Troubleshooting & Repairs
- Professional Clean-outs
- Maintenance Plans
- Fish, Aquatic Plants, Treatments
- Pumps, Filtration, Plumbing
- Replacements Parts
- Education & ongoing Support
- Lighting



Call us if you notice:

- Rapid or unexplained water loss
- Pump/circulation failure
- Persistent water quality issues
- Fish concerns
- Liner damage or leaks
- Equipment concerns
- Or if you're unsure what's causing a problem- we are happy to help!



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ENJOY THE JOURNEY

Ponds change with the seasons. You'll see plants grow, fish surprise you, birds, frogs, dragonflies and discover other wildlife.



Knowledge, regular care, and patience will make the most of your pond enjoyment. It's such a special part of your property and a connection to nature right at home

Have a question, need help with your water feature, or ready to start a new project?

Our team is here for you:



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THE POND GUYS FIELD GUIDE | No. 01

So, You've Inherited a Pond

Welcome to your pond journey

Whether you've just moved into a new property or your pond has been a part of your family for years,

This guide will help you:

- understand your pond,
- answer common questions
- and give you the confidence to keep it healthy and beautiful.

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WHAT MAKES A HEALTHY POND?

A Pond is a living ecosystem that is a balanced environment, where everything works together.

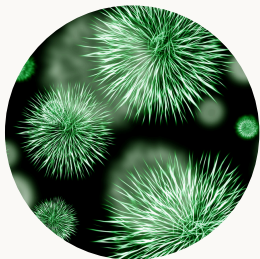
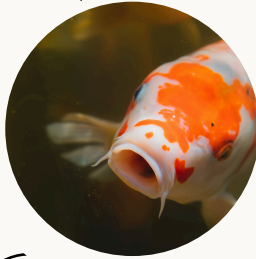


PLANTS

Use nutrients, provide shade and habitat, and help keep water clear.

FISH

Add life and beauty. Their waste becomes food for beneficial bacteria and plants. Eats excess Algae and bugs.



BENEFICIAL BACTERIA

Breaks down organic debris, convert waste into safer compounds.

CIRCULATION + FILTRATION

Move water, remove debris, provide surface area for beneficial bacteria, and oxygen for pond life.

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FISH & WATER BASICS

Healthy fish and clear water go hand in hand. Here are the essentials every pond owner should know.

IMPORTANT WATER PARAMETERS

pH	Ideal 6.8-8.5
KH	80-120ppm
Ammonia (NH3)	0ppm Harmful
Nitrate (NO3)	0ppm Harmful
Temperature	Affect fish behaviour

*When adding large amount of tap/hose water, always add a **dechlorinator/detoxifier** to make the water safe for fish gills.



FEEDING YOUR FISH

- Feed only when water is above 10C (50F)
- Use high-quality protein pond fish food
- Feed small amounts (only what fish can eat within a few minutes)
- Avoid overfeeding, uneaten food adds to water quality issues
- In more active months, feed up to 1-3 daily

FISH HEALTH TIPS

- Healthy fish are active and have a good appetite
- Gasping at the surface can indicate low oxygen or water quality issues
- Monitor for signs of stress: clamped fins, flashing, spots, lethargy
- Fish chasing/'fighting' followed up with foam could be a sign of fish spawning

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BENEFITS OF HAVING A POND

Water changes how you experience your space.



The sound, movement, and reflection of water can transform an ordinary space into something we slow down, gather, entertain, learn, reconnect and simply feel better.

The sight and sound of moving water can create a sense of calm.

And when water is designed as part of a living ecosystem, that space benefits us and it creates habitat for: birds,

pollinators, amphibians, fish, and plants,

supporting local wildlife.



Every pond is different. Take a few minutes to learn what you have. This will help you care for it properly and make it easier for us to assist you if needed.

Approximate size

Length: _____

Width: _____

Depth: _____

Gallons (LxWxDx7.5) = _____

Pump type/size: _____

Skimmer yes/no, type: _____

Biological filter / Biofalls: _____

UV clarifier (yes/no, size): _____

Aeration (yes/no, type): _____

Automatic Dosing / IonGen (yes/no)

Fish (number, type):

Aquatic plants (types, location):

Other Notes: _____

Regular care goes along way. Use this seasonal guide to keep your pond in great shape.

REGULARLY (WEEKLY)

- Confirm pump / waterfall are running
- Check water level
- Observe fish behavior
- Look for anything unusual (noises etc.)

AS NEEDED

- Monitor water quality (pH, KH etc.)
- Maintain plants (trim, remove excess)
- Remove leaves & debris
- Check & clean filter media
- Empty skimmer baskets
- Top up water as needed (evaporation is normal)
- Feed Fish
- Address algae before it becomes excessive



FALL PREPARATION

- Remove debris/leaves & net the pond
- Cut back marginal plants
- Ensure aeration for winter
- Stop feeding fish when water cools (10C)



WINTER CARE

- Keep a hole open for gas exchange (de-icer / aeration / heater)
- Check equipment
- Monitor water level

Here are answer to some of the most common concerns from new pond owners:



My pond turned green.

Common, especially in the spring or after a heat disturbance. Usually caused by algae, often cleans on its own or as the ecosystem matures., can use products if necessary.



There's string algae.

Some algae is normal, excessive can indicate too much nutrients, light or an imbalance. Use manual removal, fish-safe products, plants, filtration, and/or clarifiers.



There's foam on the water.

Foam can be caused by protein, organic waste, or certain plants. Some foam after a heavy rain or fish spawn is normal, but persistent foam should be investigated.



My fish aren't eating.

Normal when water is cold or hot. It can also be caused by water quality issues, stress, low oxygen, or illness. Check parameters and observe fish for signs.



My water level dropped.

Some evaporation is normal, especially in the summer. If loss is rapid or continues, you may have a leak. Check for wet areas, splashing or plant uptake first.



For more answers, check-out:
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