

Common Water Garden Questions

Where should I locate my water garden?

Always site your garden:

In the full sun or partial shade; most water plants bloom and grow best in the full sun.

Away from trees; trees contribute leaves, seeds, twigs, and other debris which foul the water and ecological balance in your pool.

In an area which had no surface drainage over it; water draining into your pool can pollute your pool with lawn chemicals and can kill fish and throw off your ecological balance.

My water is green, what should I do?

1. Stop feeding the fish.
2. Add water plants.
3. Relax.

Will my pond make mosquitoes a problem?

No, the fish and other aquatic life eat ALL mosquito larvae.

If you don't have fish, then use mosquito dunks every 30-45 days.

How many fish can I have in my pond?

Too many fish can make your water green, so it is better to be under stocked than overstocked!

We recommend 1/2" of fish per square foot of pool surface area (never over 1" per square foot)

How often and how much should I feed my fish?

Fish need little or no food to survive and thrive. They eat mosquito larvae and forage in the pool. If you want to feed them, use duckweed or azolla (a floating water plant which fish love) and only infrequently (1x per week) use commercial high quality fish food.

How often and how much should I feed my water plants?

Often, more food equals faster growth and better bloom, but plants should be fed monthly (every 2 weeks for lilies and lotus) during the growing season, May-August. Yellowing of the foliage and weak or no blooming is often an indication that your plants are hungry.