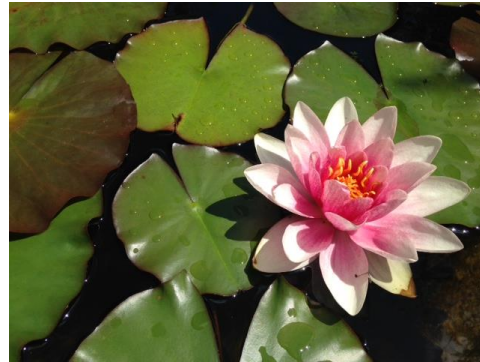


## Are you ready for spring?

Spring is just around the corner and your pond is going to need a major cleaning after the long winter!

What do you need to clean your pond or water feature:

- Fish Tank
- Pond Salt
- Aerator
- Fish Net
- Leaf net
- Hip Waders
- Pond Gloves
- Pressure Washer
- Pond drain pump
- Fire hoses
- Garden hoses
- Plant fertilizer
- Pond Starter
- Beneficial Bacteria



How to properly clean-out your pond:

Attach your fire hose to the drain pump and use the water from your pond to fill up the salted fish holding tanks. Once the holding tank is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full, then drain your pond until about a third of the water is left. With your fish net, carefully start to corral your fish. Be very careful not to startle your fish however, as koi can be quite fast and you can start a battle that will be very hard to finish!

Once the fish are all successfully in the tank, thoroughly inspect them for stress and disease. Insert the aerator and place the leaf net or some sort of cover over the tank as koi like to jump and have been known to jump across backyards!

Now that your fish are safely in the tanks, drain the rest of the water from the pond. Using your gloves, pick out any dead leaves and plant material and dispose of them into a garbage bag. Once all the debris is cleared you may begin pressure washing. Pressure washing works best if you have another hose running in the pond and the drain pump going at the same time. This helps to continuously flush out mud and debris while you're pressure washing. Once you've done a thorough job of pressure washing the pond, you can begin to rinse and flush the pond with the two hoses. While the pond is flushing it is a great time to split and fertilize your plants, change under water light bulbs, hide any exposed electrical cords, cover up any exposed liner, and fix low edges.

When you feel like you have rinsed the pond really, really well you can start to fill it. This can take from 30 minutes up to several hours depending on how big your pond is. As your pond is filling, install your [IonGen™](#) (ion generator), pumps and filter mats. Once the water is full, add your water treatments like Pond Starter and beneficial bacteria. Now you are ready to acclimatize your fish to the water. Do this by removing some of the water from your fish tank and slowly adding water from the hose into the tank. Don't forget to add Pond Starter too as the fish will quickly die from the chlorine in the tap water. Once the temperature is within 4 degrees of the pond water you may put them back in the pond. When the fish are happy and settled, you can start your pumps and begin to enjoy your water feature!!

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