

Fish Pond Cleaning Checklist

Daily

- _____ Remove excess food and debris from skimmer
- _____ Monitor water level and top off if necessary
- _____ Evaluate fish swimming behavior and appetite (make note if anything seems different)
- _____ Check water temperature

Weekly

- _____ 10% water change using backwash operation (OR vacuum)
Please note: this is only a general guideline. Cleaning frequency and volume will be determined by bioload, size of tank and filtration capability.
- _____ Perform water quality testing if new fish or equipment have been added within last 2 months
- _____ Remove dead leaves from any live plants

Monthly

- _____ Perform water quality testing if NO new fish or equipment have been added within last 2 months
- _____ Move substrate around with long pole or rake
- _____ Shake biological filtration or rinse gently in reserved pond water

Seasonally

- _____ Pond deep cleaning to remove excess algae and debris
If your pond has not be thoroughly cleaned in more than 1 year, it is recommended your fish be removed and placed in a temporary tub prior to cleaning.
- _____ Check water bill and see if any increases could point out pond leaks

Yearly

- _____ Change UV bulb
- _____ Buy new water test kit