



Springtime POND Startup

1. Check Pumps & Filters. Clean & check Impellers. Check hoses for leaks & proper connection. Inspect Liner for leaks & repair. Replace filter media & pads.
2. Do a small water change – 25% only. Remove dead leaves & debris from bottom of pond.
3. Add **STRESS COAT**. This will help fish transition into the new season.
4. Add **BIOFILTER BOOSTER** - To increase biological media which will balance your pond naturally.
5. **TEST WATER** – Recommended to do once a week to keep water quality in balance. If PH is low, use **PH UP**, If PH is high, use **PH DOWN**, If ammonia level is high, use **AMMO-LOCK**.
6. Adjust **SALT LEVELS**. If pond contains plants, level should be .1%. Salt level **TEST KITS** are available. Adding **POND SALT** to your pond adds electrolytes which helps fish gill function, reduces stress and helps plants take up nutrients.
7. **Add PONDZYME or ECOFIX**. This will help break down organic waste, which will increase oxygen levels, help keep water clearer and improve water quality.
8. **INSPECT FISH** – Treat with **MELAFIX** if you notice sores. (this product can also be used when introducing new fish to your pond). If you notice **PARASITES**, treat as necessary.
9. **FEEDING YOUR FISH** – Don't feed your fish until water is consistently above 50 degrees. Fish should be fed a low protein food in Spring, such as **SPRING & AUTUMN FOOD**.
10. **PLANT CARE** – Cut back, re-pot if rootbound and fertilize. Use **AQUATIC PLANT FOOD TABLET** for potted plants and **AQUATIC PLANT STIMULANT** for floating plants.
11. **CLOUDY WATER** – If water is cloudy, use **ACCUCLEAR**. Although some algae is OK, use **ALGAEFIX** as a preventative measure, before Algae gets out of control.
12. **UV CLARIFIER** – If using a clarifier, be sure to **Replace the Bulb**, at the beginning of the season, to provide optimum protection against green water. Even though the bulb appears to be working, over a six month period, it loses its ability to kill the algae.