

# 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