

keeping KOI & POND FISH continued

STOCKING THE POND

Surface area is directly linked to the amount of oxygen in the water and how many fish can be supported. The general rule is 1 inch of fish for every square foot of water surface. This will give your fish room to grow to their full potential.

Remember to float the fish in their bag for 20 minutes to allow the water temperature to equalize, then gently release them.

Your new fish may be quite shy at first and take a few days to settle in.



Buy only a few fish at first and build up stock levels slowly over several weeks. Adding too many fish too soon will pollute and poison the water making your fish ill.

POND EQUIPMENT FILTER - A filter acts as a mini sewage works for your pond. Water passes through different mediums which trap particles. Bacteria then breaks down fish waste, making it non-toxic and harmless. Bacteria levels take 6-8 weeks to build up so never introduce too many fish too soon.



It is beneficial to buy a filter which includes a UV. The rays from this bulb kills algae to produce clear pond water so you can see your fish clearly.

Work out what size filter you will need; Length of pond (ft) x Width of pond (ft) x Depth of pond (ft) x 6.25 = gallons. Then simply match up gallons to the corresponding filter box.

Adding a pond filter improves the pond stability, giving you peace of mind, beautifully crystal clear water and an environment for your fish to thrive in.

POND PUMP - You will need a pump to run your filter. The size will depend on what you want your pump to do, for example, will it be running a waterfall or a fountain, as well as a filter?

Half the water in your pond should pass through the filter every hour. so, if you have a 1000 gallon pond, you will need to pump at least 500 gallons per hour through your filter.

Please do not hesitate to ask the Aquatics staff for advice on pond equipment.

