



POND CHECKLIST

- Run Water Pump/ Filter/ Air Pump 24hrs 7 days a week.
- Dose good bacteria every 2 weeks or after filter clean to maintain a healthy bacteria colony.
- Do a 10% water change every month. Make sure to use Tap Water Conditioner before topping up and keep hose pipe as far away as possible from the pump/ filter. Larger water changes may be necessary if pH is too low or high or if Ammonia, Nitrite, Nitrate or Phosphate are present.
- Lightly clean filters or backflush every 1 -2 weeks. Do not backflush until water goes clear or overclean sponges as good bacteria will be washed away along with unwanted debris/ waste.
- If you clean sponges manually, always use a tub of pond/ aquarium water. Never use tap water, rainwater or bore water as this can destroy your good bacteria colony. Pour the dirty water on your favourite plants in the garden as it is full of good nutrients for the plants.
- Use Pond Fix Enzyme to boost your good bacteria and keep water clean. Pond Fix can eliminate algal growth and clarify the water. It's best used in conjunction with good bacteria and high oxygen levels.
- Use plants in your pond/ aquarium. Plants will absorb Nitrates and Phosphates, reducing algal blooms as algae's food source is phosphate and nitrate.
- Use air pumps, venturis or foaming fountain nozzles to increase dissolved oxygen levels in the water. The more oxygen there is the healthier your system will be as good bacteria use oxygen to convert the harmful chemicals (Ammonia and Nitrite) into Nitrate which is absorbed by plants. If there is a power outage, your fish will have a better chance of survival if the oxygen levels in the water are high as it will take longer for the fish, good bacteria and plants to consume the available oxygen (plants use oxygen overnight & need sunlight to photosynthesise and create oxygen).
- Replace UV Globe every 12 months.
- Keeping your water clean will reduce the risk of your fish getting sick. Clean and clear water does not mean the chemistry levels are safe. Ammonia, Nitrite, Nitrate, Phosphates and can still be present in crystal clear water. pH levels should be checked regularly too.