

Successful Planting and Plant Care



Planting and Stocking Ponds

Though it is possible to plant directly into the bottom of your pond, it is best to use plant containers. This will prevent plants from spreading or overcrowding.

To plant your pond materials, simply follow these easy steps...

Step 1. Place your plant in the container and fill with damp heavy aquatic potting soil. Avoid bagged premixed soils, they are too light and will float to the surface, even when wet.

Step 2. Pack the soil tightly in the containers and cover with pea gravel to prevent fish from dislodging the dirt and plant life from the container.

Step 3. Rinse with a garden hose, then lower container to the correct depth in the pond. Plants may be introduced to the pond at any time during the growing season.

Planting and Growing Plants

Changing the quality of pond water

Problem	Cause	Correction	Or Use
pH and hardness too high	Limestone bearing rocks or shells in pond. Unsealed cement. Run off from garden. Hard alkaline tapwater.	Remove rocks. Treat all cement. Reduce run off. Dilute tapwater with soft acidic rainwater.	pH Decreaser
pH and hardness too high	Excess organic debris. Filter malfunction. Excess rainwater entering pond. Soft acidic tapwater.	Remove debris. Check filter. Divert rainwater away from pond. Add limestone bearing rocks.	pH Increaser

Planting in Containers

Makes it easier to add or change your plantings, helps protect your plants from fish and makes it easy to take your delicate plants out of the pond over the winter.

Beckett Plant Baskets

Poly baskets in a variety of sizes and shapes. Excellent for creating decorative ponds and water gardens.

ORDER CODE	SHAPE	SIZE
B20 PBR9-PG20	Round	8.3" x 5"H
B20 PBR88-PG20	Rectangle	7.9" x 3.9"H
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B20 PBR1212-PG20	Rectangle	11.8sq." x 9.8"H
B20 PBR1610-PG20	Irregular	15.8" x 9.5" x 5.98"



LILY PLANTING TIP

Plant water lilies in shallow and or mesh containers of aquatic plant soil. Fill containers approximately half full of soil then place your lily root in center of pot. Fill remainder of container with soil but do not cover the crown. Add a layer 3/4" to 1" size stone on top layer of soil to prevent clouding of water.



Aquaplanters

Made of Plantex fabric by Dupont
The new way to grow aquatic plants! No more murky ponds due to tipped plastic plant containers. These flexible bottom planters form to the bottom of pond surface and into awkward corners making them ideal for placement on narrow ledges. Planters can be folded down so they do not protrude above the water.

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For those areas in complete shade

Realistic, colorful silk blooms on a 9" lily pad. Assortment includes three each of Blue, Lavender, White and Yellow; individual colors come one to a pack.

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