

Installing a Pre-Formed Pond

Ponds should be located in a sunny position, away from trees and bushes, but within easy view from your most used outdoor areas.

Ponds should be accessible to electricity (to run pumps & accessories).

- 1) **Determine** the desired location and size of your pond. Choose a pond suited for your location from the many models available.
- 2) **Mark** the outline of your pond with the help of a water hose, or by using wooden stakes.
- 3) **Dig** the hole slightly larger than the pond. Ensure that the edges are slightly higher than ground level so that the pond does not become contaminated by ground water runoff. Make sure that the bottom of the hole is flat and level.
- 4) **Place** the pre-formed pond in the hole and using a carpenter's level, make sure the top edges of the pond are level.
- 5) **Fill** the pond about 1/3 full of water. Start to fill in the space around the pond with sand, then compact to make the pond more stable. The weight of the water in the pond must be supported by the ground, not by the pond walls. Afterwards, fill the pond with water as you backfill with wet sand.
- 6) **Placing** edging stones on perimeter, remember to allow passage for the pump wire. Plants and fish can be added to your pond after the water has been treated to remove the chlorine and ammonia (Chloramine). Pools may be kept in ground and filled throughout the winter, keeping ice expansion below the pool line.

