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**Easy ways to build home ponds**

**By Dave Wills**

Having a pond in the backyard will definitely be an eye catching sight for everyone. The sound of water, beautiful fishes and exotic plants all makes your mind cool and relaxed besides feeling fresh. So if you think you can feel fresh, relaxed and cool by making your backyard beautiful, now is the best time to start it.

Having a pond in your backyard is not a tough job. It can be easily done with some proper planning and implementation. This article deals with various techniques and strategies that you can make use of while building a backyard pond.

**Finding the best suited pond**

Before starting pond building the first question you have to solve is in relation to the type of pond that you want to build. Solving this question will help to find answers for where to locate the pond, what features to include, how much depth and width to keep etc.

Generally home ponds are of the following kinds

- 1.) Basic ponds
- 2.) Water gardens
- 3.) Koi ponds
- 4.) Wildlife ponds

**Basic ponds**

These are ponds that have been built to include basic water features. Such ponds may not have any exotic pond plants or pond life. These kinds of ponds are easy to build and the calculations involved in building is also less.

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### Water gardens

Water gardens are ponds having water falls, pond plants and pond life like exotic fishes. The depth of these ponds should be at least 2–3 feet with a view to keep the fishes and the water plants healthy. This kind of ponds can be located in open spaces away from deciduous trees so that the maintenance can be reduced.

### Koi ponds

Koi ponds are ponds that are specially designed to keep koi. The water capacity of these ponds depends upon the number of koi fishes that you are planning to introduce. It is advisable to locate koi ponds in shady area away from direct sunlight.

### Wildlife ponds

These are ponds specially designed for keeping wildlife. Such ponds include frog, turtles etc apart from fishes and pond plants. The specifications for this pond are similar to that of water garden.

### Techniques to be followed while building ponds

In simple words any one of the underelemented techniques can be used to your pond. The first two techniques can be managed by yourselves while you have to opt for professional labor if you have to go for the third one.

### Making use of a flexible pond liner

The use of proper pond liner is highly appreciated, especially you are a beginner. This process includes finding out a best suited spot for the pond in your backyard. Even you can make use of garden hose or chalk to mark the spot and at last measurements have to be taken for buying the flexible liner. You can have the liner from any shop dealing with pond products making sure that they deal with high quality products.

If you have got a shovel, you can start digging the marked spot. The depth of the dig depends on the type of pond that you are planning to make. After that the liner has to be placed into the excavated part and the edges are to be covered with decorative stones. The next step is to fill the water by garden hose. Pond filters can be introduced with a view to keep the pond water neat and clean.

### Proper use of preformed garden ponds

In order to make things simpler you can make use of preformed garden ponds that are available in the market in a variety of shapes and sizes. You can get them ready made and make use of them as wished by you. If you are interested in a below ground pond, then you have to start the digging process as mentioned and lay the preformed pond. In this case with a view to help it settle down well water can be introduced into the pond at the time of laying. At that time you have to make sure that no dirt is inside the pond to prevent damage.

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### Proper use of concrete

If you are planning to make use of concrete, it's better to take professional help, because the process involved. After the concrete pond is ready, first fill it with water and wash it to remove all the chemicals. You have to repeat this for two weeks if you are planning to introduce exotic fishes and plants.

By properly following the above mentioned techniques it is possible to make your back yard colorful and attractive. Cool Pondscaping

abcponds.com is a site specially dedicated to information regarding

pond building

. It provides valuable

ideas in relation to ponding resources and design tips.

## **The Installation Of Garden Ponds & When To Call A Professional**

### **By Dennis Conner**

A beautiful landscape is what many look for in adding the finishing touch to their home's appearance. For many, a part of that beauty includes the addition of garden ponds to help decorate their outdoor paradise.

The addition of garden ponds is not an easy task, but is possible for anyone who has experience in excavation and landscaping techniques. A garden pond kit can either be purchased as a whole or piece-by-piece at a local home improvement store, which may also have information relating to it's construction. There are a few important things to keep in mind, however, before beginning any outdoor project.

\$If you suffer from allergies, an outdoor project may not be the best idea. Depending on the severity of your condition, allergies can increasingly worsen when doing any type of landscaping. If you think this could be a problem, you may be better served to call a contractor or professional landscaper for the installation of your garden pond.

\$Speaking of allergies, some individuals suffer from an allergic reaction to bee stings. If you know this is a problem, you will either need to hire a professional or have your allergy medication on hand in the event of a sting. The best way to do this is to visit your doctor, explain the project that you will be doing and that you will be spending a lot of time outdoors and ask for a prescription.

\$While outdoors, it is best to wear long pants and a long sleeve shirt. This is especially true if you are working in the evening hours, which is when many mosquitoes are out and about. During certain times of the year, these little nuisances can be quite dangerous. You will also want to be mindful of snakes, spiders and other problematic creatures when working outdoors.

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If you opt for hiring a professional, you will need to shop around for the best estimate. Make sure that you get everything in writing, check out the contractor or landscaper with the local Better Business Bureau and ask for references. One of the most important criteria to consider when selecting a professional for installing garden ponds is whether or not they have experience in the type of project that you need completed. The more experience he/she has with the installation of garden ponds, the better likelihood that your project will be completed with success. And finally, make sure that you choose a professional who stands behind their work and has been in business for several years.

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landscaping and ponds is available.



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