

## BACKYARD POND BUILDING

### Backyard Masterpiece

Backyard ponds are once thought to be owned by only the wealthy and filthy rich individuals. That was then. Now, backyard ponds can be built by even the simplest homeowners. These can liven things up and can be a good conversation starter for guests and visitors. It will not only provide a beautiful and visually appealing backyard but a relaxing one as well.

From cozy and small to rich and lush, back yard water gardens can range from almost any design you want. Just a little background about building a back yard pond and the right materials is enough to create your own private oasis.

Step one. Decide where your pond will be situated.

Look for an area in your yard where there are little trees. Falling leaves are a big no-no to your pond since it can make maintenance an everyday job. Place your pond in an area reached by the warmth of the sun. Aquatic plants need the sun to grow. However, stay away from too much heat since this can cause some plants such as lilies to die.

Another advice is to place your pond in a high area. This can prevent runoff water to accumulate and overflow your pond causing murkiness and further maintenance.

Step two. Lay out the area of your pond.

If you want to design your pond to the size you want it to, trace the perimeter of the pond using a bendable material like a garden hose. If you are satisfied by the size and shape of your pond, mark the area using a spray paint or any marker.

Step three. Use a pond liner.

Pond liners are used to prevent water from the pond, fishes, aquatic plants, and other pond contents to escape the pond. In the same way, it also prevents non-pond materials to enter and cause dirt or excess nutrients to the pond. Pond liners range from pre-formed liners to PVC liners. If you are willing to spend the extra cash, using cement will also be applicable.

Pre-formed liners are usually utilized by small ponds. These can be bought at pond supply outlets and can be easily installed after digging the pond. However, if you want to create the design and size you want, PVC liners would work best. These are usually used for large and complex ponds. Other types of liners are available. It is best to ask for advice from your local pond contractor about this stuff.

Step four. Dig your pond.

Dig your pond according to the width and depth that you prefer. Place rocks on the edges of the pond liner and fill in spaces with gravel. Do this part diligently and carefully. Camouflage the area with stones, pebbles, or plants.

Step five. Assemble the equipment.

Place the filters, lighting, and water supply. Make sure that these will all function well. Connect them to the electrical supply and place them in locations that will suit them best. Do not forget to make a drainage system for the pond.

Step six. Just add water.

Now is the time to fill the pond with water. Observe if there is any leaking. Clean out the area first and then add clean water for your pond. Place the plants in their rightful places in order to create a beautiful appearance. Let the plants settle for at least a week and then it is appropriate to add the

fishes. Add fish one at a time. Fill the pond with just the right amount of fish. Consider the size of the pond and your fish. Make sure they are compatible.

And now, sit back and relax. Give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done!