ASK THE Expert

Q: *When will my fish start eating again? And what should I feed them?*

A: Fish will start to become active again in spring when water temperatures get over 60 degrees. It's a good idea to feed them a medicated food as a transitional diet coming out of winter and heading into spring. It will help strengthen their immune systems before they become fully active in the warmer weather.

Q: *I'm going on vacation this summer, what should I do with my fish pond while I'm gone?*

A: Pond fish can survive for a week or two if left unfed during the summer. However, I don't like to leave my fish unfed for that long so I use slow release fish feeder blocks. They are a gel based food that sinks to the bottom of the pond and the fish will eat off of it as they get hungry, up to 7 days (depending on the number and size of your fish).

While you're gone, you may want to put a net over the pond to keep any unwanted critters out.

Before you leave, clean out your filter pads and skimmer nets and check to make sure there is no debris wrapped around the impeller of your pump.

If you have your vacation dates picked out and you're going to be gone for more than a week, make an **appointment** with us and we will come out midway through your trip and clean your filters, feed the fish, make sure the pump is running properly so that you can relax knowing your fish are in good hands.

Q: *I love my plants but every summer they take over my pond. What can I do?*

A: Plants are great for ponds in moderation but if they've taken over, you will need to cut them back or even pull many of them out by the root. If they've rooted into the liner, it's going to be a big job but it can be done.

Plants absorb nutrients which would otherwise act as fertilizer for algae. In short, you want some plants but not a jungle. I recommend keeping plants in their pots. You can always divide and repot them to give them more space to grow.

SPRING-FALL HOURS
(Beginning March 13, 2016)
Monday-Friday 9:30a-5:30p
Saturday 10a-4p
Sunday CLOSED
*Check website often for any store hour changes

SPECIAL HOURS
Memorial Day 10a-2p
July 4th CLOSED
Labor Day 10a-2p
November 24-25th CLOSED
December 24 at 2pm-January 2, 2018

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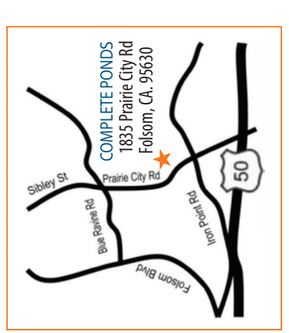

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Spring 2017

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CompletePonds Update

Holy Koi, the rain this year has been crazy! And that's coming from a born & raised Seattle-lite! While we desperately needed the rain, we are ready to move on and get some lasting sun so that we can start building ponds and spending time in our yards with our water features. It's been a longer than usual wet and lonely winter for Diana and I. We miss seeing you in our stores!

The economy seems to be improving & home building is exploding so we are expecting to ramp up both our construction and service crews. There is nothing worse than having to tell you we're several weeks out before we can build or clean your pond or replace your pump. Our plans are to expand into two service and equipment installation crews. We will be ready to tackle your pond and pondless needs, from cleanings to pump installs and everything in between. Call to make your appointment today because March & April are already booking up quickly!

We are continuing our marketing efforts with the Empire Ranch Neighbors magazine (Folsom area) and the Sun City Lincoln Compass magazine. We were at the Cal Expo Home Show in January and were excited to see many of you there. We sold our booth TWICE...that's never happened before! We're also hoping to be at the Auburn Home Show in May for the first time in several years and maybe a few other home shows in between. We are excited to increase our efforts this year and get some new business from all over the greater Sacramento area!

Thank you all for your continued support of Complete Ponds. I know I say this every year but it's so true that without you, we wouldn't get to do what we love to do. So thank you!! And we'll see you when the sun comes out!

Cory & Mark Dyba

PS. Don't forget that if you can't make it to our store, we do have many of our products available on our website at www.completeponds.com.

CHECK OUT UPCOMING CLASSES
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YOUR **COMPLETEPONDS** NEWSLETTER

ROSEVILLE STORE
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let's talk Pondless

Q: *I have lots of string algae in my pondless waterfall. How can I get rid of it?*
A: You can use an algaecide like **Fountec** to kill the string algae or you can have an **IonGen** installed into your system. It plumbs directly into your pump line and releases copper into your pipes and re-circulates it throughout your system, disintegrating the algae.

Q: *Does a pondless waterfall need an annual cleaning?*
A: Pondless waterfalls get dirty just like ponds, except that you're not dealing with fish waste. It's recommended that pondless waterfalls get cleaned annually because dirt and debris gets trapped in between the rocks in the stream as well as the basin. How do you know if it needs a cleaning? You will start to notice murky water re-circulating out of the top spillway and you may start to notice an odor. You can help maintain water clarity in between cleanings with **Fountec.** Fountec keeps algae down and also helps to keep the water cleaner longer than if nothing was used at all.

POND SQUAD
CompletePonds
10% off **Cleaning rate** of $99/hr
Offer expires 5/31/17
Cannot be combined with other offers.

Featured Products

Algaway
Use as directed instead of Algaefix.
We've begun to make the switch from Algaefix to Algaway 5.4. We have found that they contain the same main ingredient that kills string algae and with Algaway 5.4, you are able to use less per dose so it lasts longer when using the same size bottle as Algaefix. ***We will include Algaefix in our sale because we do still have some sizes available.***

Complete Bio Clear*
Organically keeps pond water cleaner, eliminates fish waste to keep the fish healthy!

Complete Barley Extract*
Organically keeps string algae growth to a minimum.

Complete All Season Bacteria Blocks*
Breaks down sludge and organic matter on the bottom of the pond. Keeps pond water clear and eliminates pond odors.

Complete Spring & Autumn Pack*
Breaks down sludge and debris on the bottom of the pond. Contains barley, to help reduce string algae.

Don't forget our recycle program: *Bring your empty bottle in for a refill for 15% off any time of the year. Not to be combined with this Newsletter 20% off coupon or any other coupons.*

UV Units & Bulbs
Say NO to green water and YES to crystal clear water! UV sterilizers also help keep bacteria down in ponds which helps to keep fish healthier.
Note: UV bulbs should be replaced annually for best results.

Fountec
Keeps algae down and your water fresh in your pondless waterfall.

PondMAX Pond Vacuum
Keep your pond clean as often as you want. It has an automatic drain and fill cycle and can be used as a dry vac also.

20% off Any Featured Product in Newsletter
Expires 6/30/17
(in store only, not to be used with any other coupon or discount)

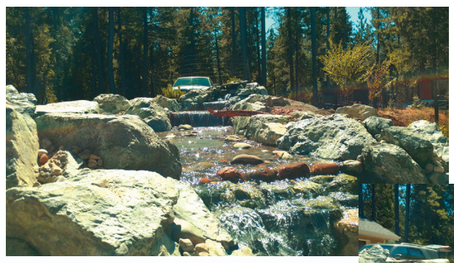
Customer Profile

PONDLESS WATERFALL
Georgetown, CA.

Dennis & Barbara had us build their first pondless waterfall about 3 years ago. While we were there, they mentioned they had just bought a property not far away and were planning to build their dream home. The dream home is complete and we just finished building their dream pondless waterfall! It's 40' long and can be seen from their front deck right off the house. It was difficult to get one full photo so I've broken it up into stages so you can get an idea of what it looks like in full.

EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION

PONDLESS WATERFALL SPEC'S:
Length: 40' long stream
Rock: Serpentine Boulders 23,000 lbs
1.5 yards of River Rock
Ecoblox: 10
Pump: 7600gph External
Plumbing: 3" pipe and fittings for maximum flow



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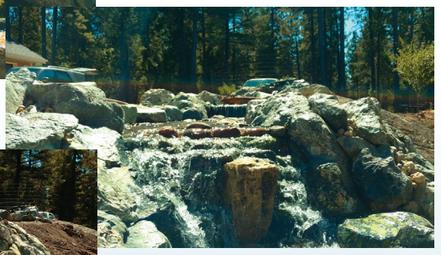

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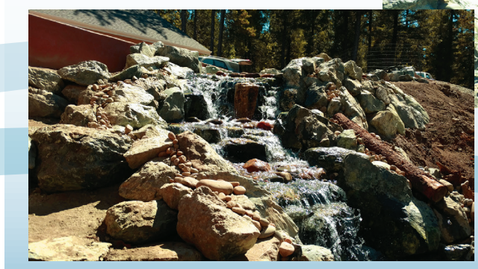

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