

## HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR PLANTS IN WINTER ~

**Hardy Lilies** ~ Water lilies go dormant as the water temperature cools to below 60°F. If grown in a container, floating leaves may die off and the plant will produce a few very small leaves that remain close to the soil. Old stems and flowers can be removed. Do not fertilize once water temperatures begin to drop (September/October). In a small pond, lower the lily to a sunny deep part of the pond where the water stays warmest in the winter. As long as the water around the roots of the plant stay above freezing, the hardy lily does not need to be removed from the pond.

**Emerging Plants** ~ Emerging pond plants prefer their roots, crown and part of their stems below the water surface with their leaves and flowers above the water surface. They can be planted 2-6" below water level. If you live where it freezes, cut the plants to 6" from the top of the pot and place them in the bottom of pond after the first heavy frost. However, hollow stemmed plants should be trimmed above the water line. Trimming these below the water line could cause them to rot. Most emerging plants can be grown like Bog Plants.

### Examples of Emerging Plants

**LIZARDS TAIL, PARROT-FEATHER, PINK SPRITE, PICKEREL, ARROWHEADS, TARO, MARE'S TAIL**

**Bog plants** ~ The roots of bog plants can be planted 1-2" below the water surface or just above the surface in an area that is always wet. Before the first frost, cut back to 6" above the stem and they will grow back nicely in spring. However, do not cut back Juncus (soft rush).

### Examples of Bog Plants

**CREeping JENNY, CANNA, WATER IRIS, SOCIETY GARLIC, SUMMER CROCUS, RAINLILY, YERBA MANSA, SWEET FLAG, BULRUSH, ZEBRA RUSH, CATTAIL, HORSETAIL RUSH.**

**Hardy Marginal Plants** ~ Marginal pond plants grow around the pond's edge with their crowns above the water surface most of the year. They tolerate seasonal flooding. In the Sacramento area where ponds rarely freeze, old growth can be trimmed to 6" from the top of the pot and left alone for the winter.

### Examples of Marginal Plants

**LOBELIA, CHAMELEON PLANT, WATER CELERY, AUSTRALIAN JUMPING VIOLET, CALIFORNIA GRAY RUSH.**

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Fall 2022



## COMPLETE PONDS *Update* -

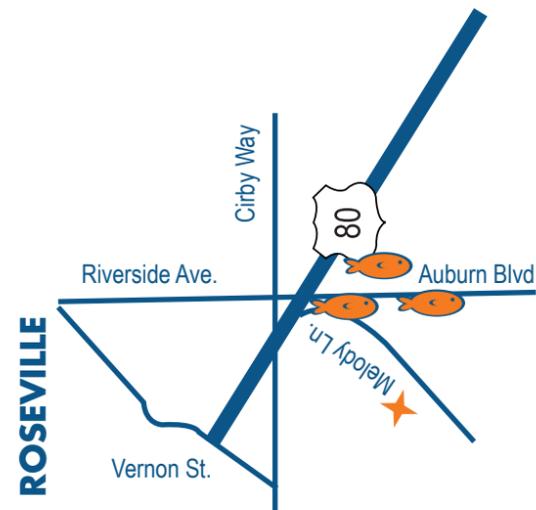
What can we say about 2022 other than it just keeps getting weirder doesn't it? For the most part, we have been pretty fortunate to be able to keep our most popular items that you need in stock on a regular basis. However, I've just been informed that there is now a wheat germ shortage, which means that winter fish food might be hard to come by this year. Apparently it's hitting all fish food companies from coast to coast. So along with shortages on liner, filters, chickpeas (yes chickpeas are in short supply) and many other things, we are doing our best to find alternative brands that will keep your fish's bellies full this winter until the temperature in the water gets between 55-50 degrees. We can still get smaller pre-packaged bags but the large 50lb bags are in short supply. **But we have other options.** So be on the lookout for alternative brands of bulk winter food here in store. We'll definitely have something available!

On a sad note, our beloved Complete Ponds "mascot" Besos passed away on August 16, 2022. He was the friendliest koi I've ever had. He loved swimming right up into my hands to eat and would let me pet him and hold him briefly in my palm. He excitedly greeted everyone who came to see him and would probably have been 50 pounds if we would have let him eat every time he asked. He was one of a kind and will be missed by so many of you.

As we close out this year, the store has made it through the last few years of crazy. Construction is still building new ponds and pondless waterfalls, Pond Squad is still out working their tails off cleaning and servicing your ponds and we're so grateful for you sticking with us through all of this. We wouldn't be here without you and we deeply, truly appreciate each and every one of you.

**This year is no different. Our winter hours are still M-F 9:30-5p & Saturdays from 10a-4p. But if you're new to Complete Ponds, be sure to check out our back page for our annual holiday closure dates so we don't miss you. Have a blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years!**

*Complete Ponds Family*



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**FALL HOURS:**  
Monday-Friday: 9:30a-5p  
Saturday: 10a-4p  
Sunday: Closed  
**UPCOMING CLOSURE:**  
Thanksgiving:  
Nov. 24-25, 2022  
Christmas:  
Dec. 24 - Jan. 2, 2023

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# WINTERIZE YOUR WATER FEATURES

Now is the time to tidy your pond and prepare it for the winter months:

-  Sprinkle **OxyPond Cleaner** on your stream. Let it sit for 40 min, then pressure wash with your garden hose down from the top of the stream into the pond, or pondless basin. Use a dedicated pond net to scoop out large debris.
-  You can also use **OxyPond Cleaner in the pond**. It will lift debris off the bottom of the pond and then you can use the same net to scoop it off the surface of the pond or let your skimmer pick it up. (Just be sure to keep it off other decorative plants because it will kill those in addition to the algae.)
-  Clean out your skimmer often after applying Oxypond Cleaner to the pond and also after big wind storms.
-  Make sure your pump is free of debris.
-  Clean or change out your filter pads if needed.
-  Trim back any dying plant growth in or around the pond.
-  Remove any floating plants.
-  Cover your pond with a net and periodically remove leaves that gather on top of it to prevent sagging into the pond.
-  Change out 30-50% of the water, add **dechlorinator**, and test your water to make sure the **alkalinity** and pH is balanced.
-  Lastly, add **winter formulated bacteria** to the pond every time you clean out your filter media. It will help keep a healthier environment for your fish even while they are dormant.

If winterizing your own pond isn't something you want to take on, call the Pond Squad! We can get you on the calendar for a fall/winter cleaning.

*(This is not a full clean out.*

*It typically takes about an hour depending on pond size)*

**10% OFF WINTER CLEANING**

10% off labor only. Destination fees are not subject to a discount.  
Expiration date: 1/7/23

**CALL STORE FOR DETAILS:**

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# FEATURED ITEMS!

*New Item*



## TETON PUMPS

The XC Series Teton Pump is designed for multiple water feature applications. It has a large intake screen for reduced maintenance, and features SmartMAG® motor protection (shuts off when it gets over-heated), and a move-able plate for various installation positions. These pumps tend to have higher flow rates than their competitors and they cost less!



## POND NETTING (Variety of Sizes)

Reduces amount of maintenance by blocking debris from getting into the pond



## COMPLETE BACTERIA BLOCKS

Breaks down sludge & muck in ponds & waterfalls down to 35 degrees in the water

**20% OFF NEWSLETTER ITEM**

Not to be combined with 15% refill or other discounts  
Expiration date: 1/7/23

**DON'T FORGET** to bring your empty Complete Ponds brand (excluding Complete Spring & Autumn Packs) bottles for our refill program and receive the newsletter **20% off discount**. (Regularly 15% off refill price)



## COMPLETE BIOCLEAR & BARLEY

Organically eliminates fish waste and reduces algae in ponds



## OXY POND CLEANER

Removes string algae in ponds & waterfalls



## SKIMMING DEBRIS NETS

Helps to keep debris that lands on the top of pond from sinking and decaying in the bottom of the pond



## THERMOMETERS

Lets you know when to start & stop feeding the fish

# COMPLETE PONDS

## Customer Profile

Roy & Sara, Rancho Cordova

Roy's parents have been long time customers of Complete Ponds. So when Roy and his wife Sara moved to Rancho, they knew a pond was at the top of their list. They wanted a pond they could cool off in that didn't require chlorine or salt. So we built them a decorative, "dipping" pond using biological, plant filtration and UV Sterilization, sans the fish!



## PROJECT SPECS:

### Pond Size:

11' x 14' x 3' at the deepest

### Waterfall:

3' tall x 8' long

### Bog filter size:

5' x 10'

### Liner base:

19" Biological Filter Spillway

### Rock used:

22,000lbs

### Skimmer

### Bottom Drain

### External Pump:

7,600 gph

50w HO UV Filter

### More Details:

Multiple planting pockets for decorative plants

Pondmax Color Lights in the pond and waterfall



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