



INSPIRATIONS BOOKLET



Ceramic Vase Fountains

These fountains are beautiful artwork that you can have anywhere in your yard. Every color, size, texture, and design has been hand picked to bring you the most up-to-date options available based on today's trends. These vases are high-fired, robust, durable, and made to last and offer years of enjoyment. The vases featured in our collection are naturally rustic, as they are intentionally glazed unevenly, and contain variations in both color and texture. No two pieces are alike, but all share an inherent artistic beauty.



WHO SHOULD CHOOSE A CERAMIC VASE FOUNTAIN?

Homeowners, Renters, you name it because Ceramic Fountains are portable, easy to install and deliver a soothing sound of water.



SPACE

The small size of a Ceramic Vase Fountain means you can build and enjoy a beautiful fountain anywhere in your yard- front or back! You can create one in as little space as 16" x 16". These are great on patios and decks too!



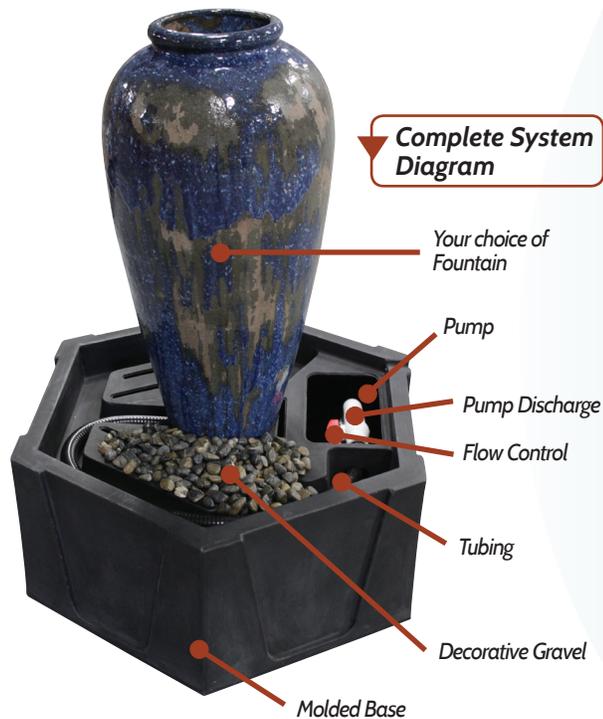


COST

The typical professional installation of a Ceramic Vase Fountain will range from \$1000 to \$2000 depending on the type and size of the ceramic vase. Operating costs are also less with this style of water feature because the pumps are often smaller using less electricity and can be set to a timer and only operate it when you are home.

MAINTENANCE

Taking care of your Ceramic Vase Fountain is easy. Filling the reservoir every few weeks to compensate for evaporated water is all that's required. Or you can install an automatic fill valve and eliminate virtually all maintenance!





Rock Column Fountains

Rock Column Fountains are extremely unique by design and deliver more than just bubbling water. Our “custom fountains” are designed for water to fall with expression and help disguise the sounds of your busy neighborhood.

Rock Columns create an elegant and soothing tone for a more tranquil setting.



WHO SHOULD CHOOSE A ROCK COLUMN FOUNTAIN?

Anyone seeking a larger bubbling rock system that will offer more sound than a single element.

SPACE

The Rock Column Fountain systems will require about a 10' x 10' area. A smaller area can be accommodated but more splashing may occur.



COST

The typical professional installation of a Rock Column Fountain system will range from \$3000 to \$5000 depending on the column sizes chosen. Operating costs are also less with this style of water feature because you can set the pump to a timer and only operate it when you are home.

MAINTENANCE

Taking care of your Rock Column Fountain system is easy. Filling the reservoir every few weeks to compensate for evaporated water is all that's required. Or you can install an automatic fill valve and eliminate virtually all maintenance!

Bubbling Rock Fountains

Bubbling Rock Fountains are beautiful stone elements that you can have anywhere in your yard. Several standard sizes and shapes are available.

WHO SHOULD CHOOSE A BUBBLING ROCK FOUNTAIN?

If space is lacking in your yard and you simply want the sound of moving water then a Bubbling Rock Fountain is a great naturalistic choice.

SPACE

The small size of a Bubbling Rock Fountain means you can build and enjoy a beautiful fountain anywhere in your yard- front or back! You can create one in as little space as 36" x 36". These are great on patios and decks too!



COST

The typical professional installation of a Bubbling Rock Fountain will range from \$1000 to \$2000 depending on the type and size of the rock. Operating costs are also less with this style of water feature because the pumps are often smaller using less electricity and can be set to a timer and only operate it when you are home.

MAINTENANCE

Taking care of your Bubbling Rock Fountain is easy. Filling the reservoir every few weeks to compensate for evaporated water is all that's required. Or you can install an automatic fill valve and eliminate virtually all maintenance!



Cascading Falls

Cascading Waterfalls are simply re-circulating waterfalls and/or streams without the presence of a pond. Now you can enjoy the sights and sounds of a waterfall without the maintenance of a pond.

WHO SHOULD CHOOSE A CASCADING WATERFALL?

If space is lacking in your yard or you have safety concerns with a pond then a Cascading Waterfall is your best choice. It's a waterfall and stream, without the pond. But remember, you will be limited on aquatic plant choices and you cannot have fish with a Cascading Waterfall.



SPACE

The small size of a Cascading Waterfall means you can build and enjoy a beautiful waterfall anywhere in your yard- front or back!

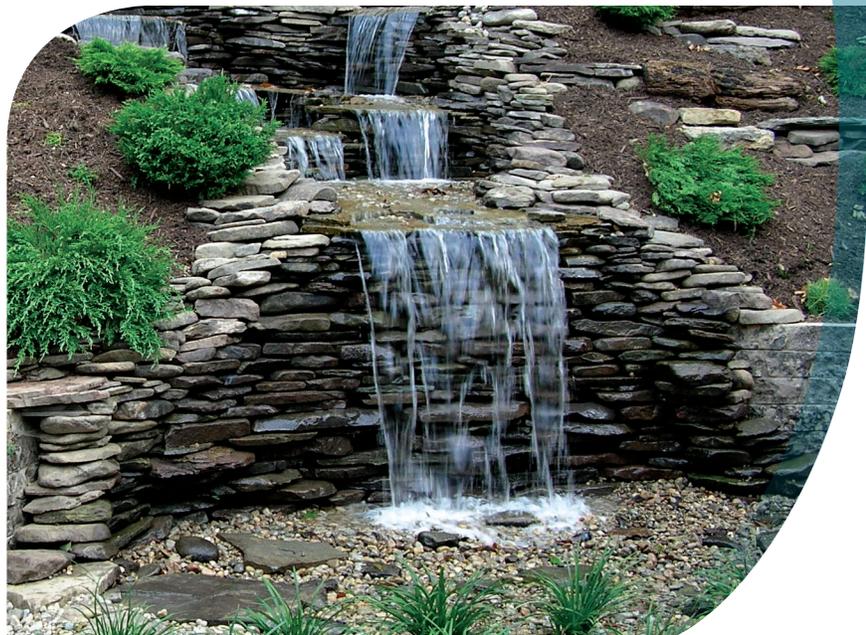
MAINTENANCE

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SAFETY

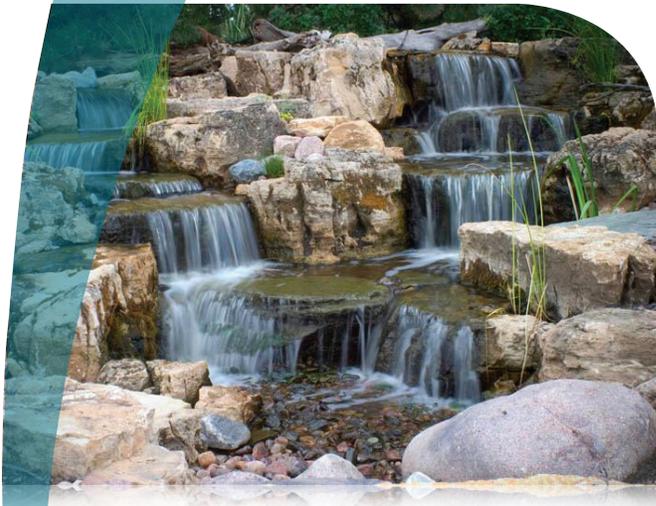
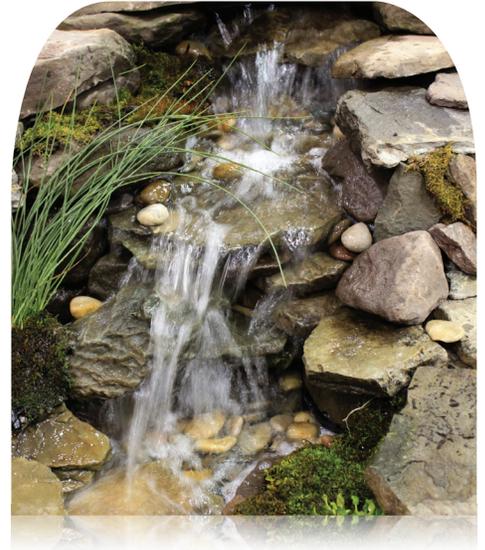
Because there is no pool of water, a Cascading Waterfall is a great option if you are concerned about safety issues associated with a traditional pond.





Cost

Cost can be a big factor when considering the type of water feature you want to build. On average, a professionally installed Cascading Falls will range from \$1500 to \$5000+ depending on size and type of rockwork involved. Operating costs are also less. Because you're not dealing with an established ecosystem, it's not necessary to run the pump 24/7. You can set the pump on a timer to operate only when you are home.



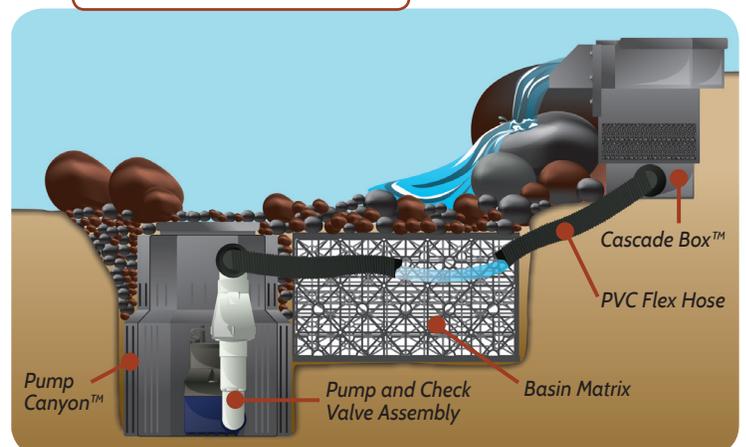
COMPLETE SYSTEM

Here's how it works:

A Cascading Waterfall works much like a regular pond. The hole is dug then lined with a flexible liner, then basin matrix boxes are added to keep the reservoir open and available for water, then the basin matrix boxes are covered with rock and gravel, and filled with water. The water is then circulated from beneath the rocks and gravel by a pump that sits on the bottom, inside a Pump Canyon. A pipe runs from there up to a Cascade Waterfall spillway and into an overflowing waterfall, where it falls back into the reservoir. Since the water level never pools above the level of the rock and gravel, it gives the appearance of a waterfall without a pond, when in fact, the "pond" is there but not visible.

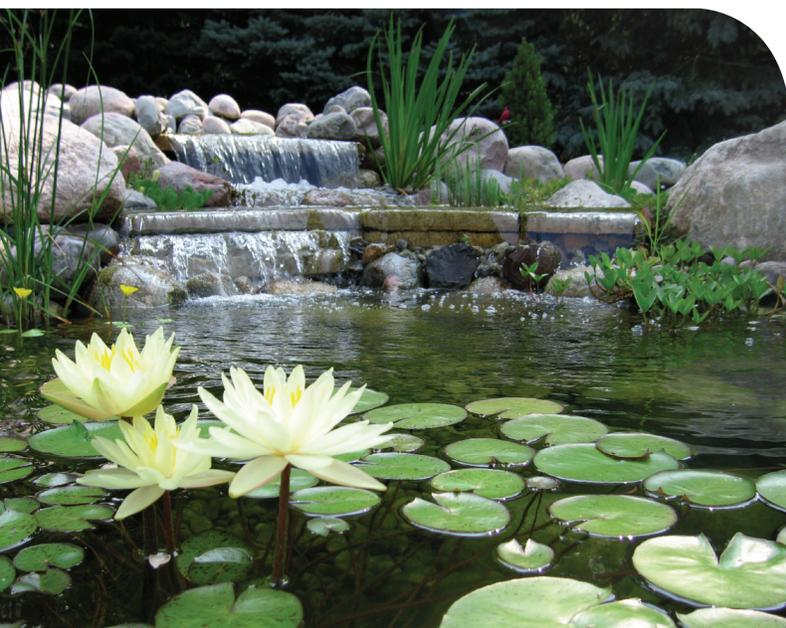


Complete System Diagram



Who should choose a Water Garden or Pond?

If you have ample space in your yard and want koi, goldfish and aquatic plants then a Water Garden (Pond) is for you. Add a long streambed to enhance the look too!



SPACE

The average water garden is about 11 feet wide x 16 feet long or about 2000 gallons. Keep in mind that you will want 2 to 3 feet of landscape bed area around the pond for plants and flowers. Tip: grab your garden hose and use it to layout the size and shape you'd like your pond to be. Also try viewing the size from indoors and out to obtain a true viewing perspective.

COST

In most cases, a water garden will be the most costly water feature option. On average, a professionally installed water garden will range from \$2500 to \$7500+ depending on size and type of rockwork involved. When you factor in the additional benefits and enjoyment of fish and aquatic plants a water garden is well worth the investment!

SAFETY

We recommend that most water gardens be a minimum of 24" deep but a depth of 30" is even better since it will provide more area for the fish to winterize in the pond and provide a deeper area for the fish to retreat to in the event a predatory bird comes to your pond. The first ledge of the pond, however, is typically only 8 to 12" in depth therefore providing a shallow area around the ponds perimeter as shown in the water garden cross section on the following page.



MAINTENANCE

Maintaining a water garden is simple and will take only 15 minutes a week. The net & mat located inside the skimmer will need to be cleaned about once every 10 to 14 days. This should only take 5 minutes to complete. Besides regular skimmer maintenance, beneficial bacteria will be added to the pond weekly.

FISH

Adding Koi & Goldfish create color and interest to the water garden. Koi & Goldfish are interactive and friendly, especially at feeding time. Fish are also attractive, interesting, and even personable. Their color will enhance the visual impact of your pond.



AQUATIC PLANTS

One of the best things about a water garden is the variety of aquatic plants you can grow. Water Lilies are the most sought after aquatic plant. Their ability to spread across the ponds surface and flower throughout the season make them a wonderful choice. Lily pads shade the pond water from the heat of the summer sun, allowing fish to retreat underneath the shelter of their leaves.



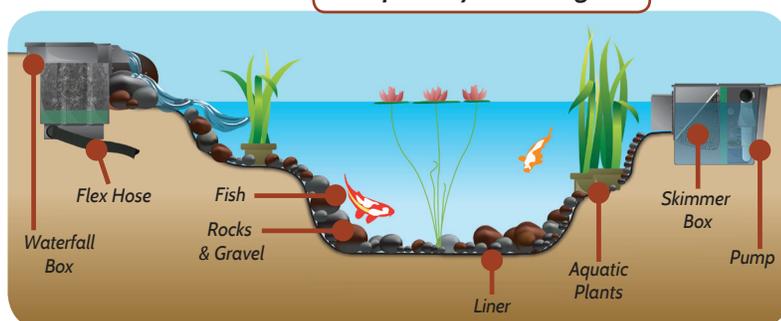
COMPLETE SYSTEM

PondBuilder has perfected the 5 Elements of a Healthy Pond Eco-System.

1. The first of these elements is the filtration system consisting of a mechanical skimmer filter and biological waterfall filter. The skimmer will not only prefilter the water and house the pump; it will also skim debris from the water's surface to prevent the accumulation of debris on the ponds bottom. The waterfall box provides surface area for beneficial bacteria to colonize and remove excess nutrients from the water thereby keeping your pond clean and clear.
2. Rocks and gravel serve to protect the pond liner from UV light degradation. They also provide additional surface area for bacteria to colonize and break down excess nutrients. This also provides a major esthetic benefit making your pond look very natural.
3. The pump creates a recirculation system that keeps the water moving, draws the debris and leaves into the skimmer, and keeps the waterfall fed with a constant supply of fresh water.
4. Fish are an integral part of the pond eco-system. Fish are often seen as high maintenance but this is a misconception. Fish actually reduce pond maintenance as they graze and eat string algae and bottom feed on the ponds bottom.
5. Aquatic plants are Mother Nature's true filters, removing nutrients in the water and depriving algae of their food source.



Complete System Diagram



Formal Falls

Formal Falls are beautiful waterfalls that are installed into a variety of wall types. An LED light bar is available to create a spectacular evening display. The light bar rotates through up to 16 colors...or set it to your favorite color.

WHO SHOULD CHOOSE A FORMAL FALLS WATERFALL?

Anyone installing a paver patio with a wall element should consider a Formal Falls. Or anyone looking to add a formal sheer waterfall to their landscape, fountain or swimming pool.



FORMAL

FALLS BY PONDBUILDER

SPACE

The compact size of a Formal Falls means you can build and enjoy a beautiful waterfall anywhere in your yard. Four different standard waterfall widths are available or a custom unit can be created for your specific project.

COST

The installation cost of a Formal Falls is varied and depends on the type of wall material being used as well as the width of the falls you wish to create. Please consult your Authorized PondBuilder Installer for information. Pump operating costs are less with a Formal Falls because it's not necessary to run the pump 24/7. You can set the pump on a timer to operate only when you are home.

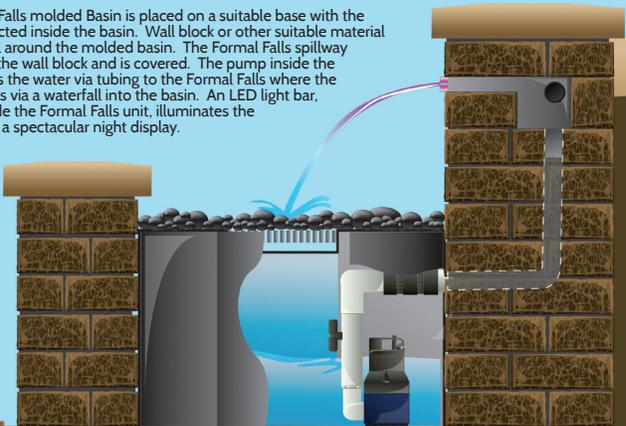
MAINTENANCE

Taking care of your Formal Falls is easy. Filling the reservoir every few weeks to compensate for evaporated water is all that's required. Or you can install an automatic fill valve and eliminate virtually all maintenance!



How does it work?

The Formal Falls molded Basin is placed on a suitable base with the pump protected inside the basin. Wall block or other suitable material is stacked all around the molded basin. The Formal Falls spillway rests inside the wall block and is covered. The pump inside the basin pumps the water via tubing to the Formal Falls where the water returns via a waterfall into the basin. An LED light bar, located inside the Formal Falls unit, illuminates the waterfall for a spectacular night display.





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