

# FOUNTAIN MAINTENANCE TIPS



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Manufacturers of Quality Pond Equipment & Supplies

## Seasonal Cleaning

Every spring and fall is adequate = power spray splash mats, fountain, gravel, shop vac muck and completely drain your basin area.

## Routine Water Treatment Maintenance

Use PondBuilder Water Treatments weekly at first and eventually bi-monthly or monthly depending on product selection, time of season and conditions of fountain.

## Product Selection & Usage Guide

**PondBuilder AquaFix Liquid** - Weekly for preventative care. If combating an existing debris problem follow recommended dosage applications for best results, treating every 3 days. (It could take 2 weeks to remove debris). This is your apple a day treatment!

**PondBuilder Dry Pond Cleaner** - Use per dosage once per week or Cut dosage in half and do twice weekly. (Often is most effective during seasonal startup)

**PondBuilder Muck Buster** - Use per dosage after startup has taken place to combat leaf debris and/or heavy muck build-up (Typically several weeks after the fountain is functioning for season)

**PondBuilder AquaFix Dry** - Use to spot treat rocks showing signs of build up, waiting 20 - 30 min. before turning pumps back on or scrubbing rocks. (This product works like OxyClean - lifting debris through the use of oxygen bubbles)

## Winterizing Fountain

**Removing your pump and storing** the pump during the winter months is the most important step. Most pumps do not need to be stored in water, but for good measure it will not hurt to do so. Keep pump away from freezing conditions while being stored.

**No need to drain the basin area** - rainwater and snow will refill it. Drain in spring before startup.

**Covering a Fountain** - can also be done for those pieces too heavy to move. Consider a PondBuilder Vase Fountain Cover.

**Retaining Wall Fountains** - Stainless Steel Formal Falls can be left installed inside your wall. When pump is removed all water will drain from the plumbing. Lights are okay to be left outside.

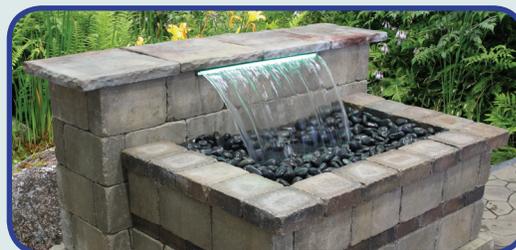
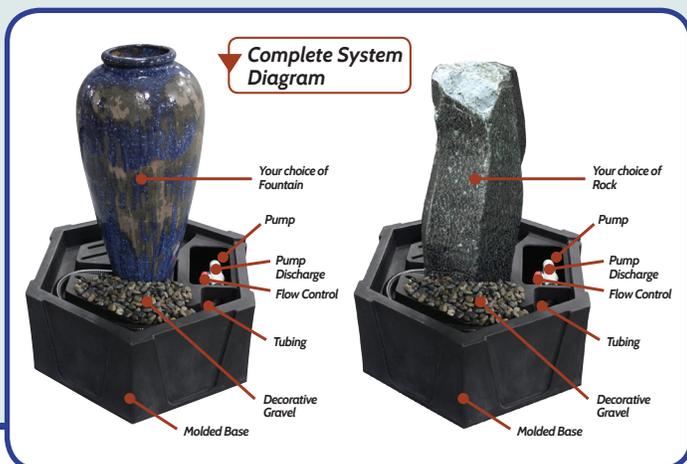
(Avoid having any light controllers left where snow can accumulate)

## Controlling Water Loss & Low Water Issues

**PondBuilder AutoFill** - Kits designed to quickly attach inside a PondBuilder Pump Canyon or Fountain Basin. AutoFill Kits include fittings for 1/2" irrigation or 3/4" garden hose connections.

**Low Water Shut-off** - Add to your pump by attaching the switch to your pump using a zip-tie just above the bottom in-take area. Plug your pump cord piggy backed directly into the plug for the shut-off before inserting into live outlet. Low water Shut-off will turn pump off once water drops below sensor attached to the pump. Pumps must be 10 amps or less to function.

\* **Keep in mind that every fountain and water feature experience different site conditions and water quality issues. When treating your water feature, patience and persistence often pays off. You may view additional tips and insights on your water feature by subscribing to the PondBuilder Pond Blog.**



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