



STOCKING YOUR POND

FILL THE POND

1. If the water is chlorinated, allow the water to splash when filling the pond and wait several days before putting plants into your pond. Or use a product such as Aquasafe™ to neutralize the chlorine. If your water contains chloramine, you **MUST** use a product such as Aquasafe™.
2. After treatment (or if the water is not chlorinated) you may add plants immediately.

SELECT PLANTS

1. For a healthy pond, choose floating-leaf plants to cover one-half to two-thirds of the pond surface area (water lily, four-leaf water clover, water hawthorne, etc.).
2. For a healthy pond, choose at least one bunch of submerged plants for every 10 square feet of pond surface area (hornwort, elodea, vallisneria, etc.).
3. You can also add floating plants such as water hyacinth, water lettuce and frog bit to keep your pond healthy. These are annuals in the Northwest.

SELECT FISH

1. Add fish to your pond two weeks after adding plants.
2. You may have up to 1 inch of goldfish per 5 gallons of water without filtration. For koi you may have 300 gallons per fish and you will eventually need a [biological filter](#) as the fish get bigger.
3. You may want to start with inexpensive fish until you are sure of the water quality and predator situation (raccoons, blue herons, river otters, etc.).