

FEEDING



Some things to remember regarding feeding your fish:

- Only feed fish what they can eat in a couple of minutes
- Don't feed fish when it's very hot or very cold

KEEP SAFE



Think about safety around your pond:

- Use a heavy-duty pond cover.
- Fence the pond area off from young children
- Consider a hidden-reservoir water feature instead

Pond Safety Continued...

- Always wash your hands after putting them in pond water
- Keep a close eye on children when they're near the pond
- Marshy edges & plenty of plants/shrubs around the edge make it more difficult for children to get into deep water
- Always have any electrical equipment installed by a competent electrician
- Use good quality outdoor switches and waterproof connections
- Check cables and equipment regularly & carry out repairs or install replacements as soon as you find a fault
- Install RCD circuit breakers for added protection
- Always switch off electrical items before any maintenance or repair is done
- Carefully read the label on pond treatments & always follow the instructions to the letter
- Store pond treatments & chemicals carefully to keep them out of reach of children



We are always happy to help here at Bow Aquatic Centre, so just get in touch if you need any advice...

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HOW TO GUIDE...

Setting up the perfect Garden Pond

A beautiful Wildlife or Ornamental Pond offers a treat for the senses. Enjoy the sounds, reflections and movement of water, colourful fish, lush plants and help create a haven for wildlife.



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PICK THE RIGHT SPOT



The location of your pond is very important:

- Avoid boggy ground, overhanging trees or mains services
- South-facing is good for plants
- Keep it near to the house to enjoy from your window

GET THE RIGHT DEPTH



Get the right depth:

- Avoid your pond getting too hot or too cold
- Shelved edges are safer and suit plants
- A shallow beach area helps wildlife

ADD AIR



Replace it when it naturally dissipates:

- A very simple way to add oxygen to the pond is to add an air pump. When the bubbles break the water's surface oxygen will then be added.
- Water features look good and add air which helps the fish.

GET THE LOOK



Think about this when choosing your pond:

- Do you want a formal or natural pond?
- Good quality liners or moulded ponds are essential
- Small garden? What about a freestanding patio pond?
- Ask in store if you need advice on what pond would suit your area.

WATER QUALITY



The quality of your water is important:

- Check water quality using test kits, especially before and after adding fish.
- Pond filters can help keep water clean and healthy

ADDING FISH & PLANTS



Before you buy fish and plants, remember:

- Is your pond big enough for your fully grown fish?
- Don't overstock with too many fish
- Always remember to carefully compost any waste pond plants