

Spring is the time to get your pond off to a great start!

For goldfish and koi pond owners, now is the time when we are all yearning for crystal clear waters and big fat fish greedily surfacing for handouts.

“Patience” is the operative word here. The best rule of thumb for spring time is avoid feeding and serious pond cleaning until your water lily pads turn green. Fish that have been hibernating all winter need time to warm up thoroughly and get their digestive systems tuned up before they can safely resume their piggy summer eating habits.

In the spring time, koi and goldfish immune systems are at their lowest point of the year.

So, let those sleepy and groggy fishies lie. Avoid any activity that requires you to catch and move these sleepy guys or stir them into frenzy.

Don't net them.

Don't drain their water.

Don't stir up their water.

Don't add new fish.

Don't fret if you have a fringe of string algae growing on the walls of the pond. This is the best spring tonic for your fish. You can keep this in check later as the pond warms up.



- DO** restart your pump and bio-filter when water temperatures reach 45 degrees.
- DO** a partial water change of 30% after the water temperature is above 45 degrees.
- DO** add a biological starter to your water.
- DO** test your water.
- DO** add a sludge removing product if you have more than 1/2 inch of “pudding” looking sludge on the bottom.
- DO** gently remove leaves that remain in the bottom of the pond.
- DO** add Barley Straw now to retard excess algae growth later when the water warms up.

