

# Water Garden Shut Down Check List

Start thinking around Labor Day Weekend

## Keep an eye on nightly temps.

Some plants are sensitive to 40 degree temps. So they will have to come in or throw out when shutting down the pond.

## Keep a thermometer in pond and watch for water temp.

At 65 degrees change fish food to a Fall or Cold Water food.

Stop feeding at 55 degrees.

## Pull out all items in the BioFall.

Rinse off and let dry and put in totes for winter storage.

## If you want wait a few days till you pull out the mats out of the Skimmer.

Leave in the basket or debris net to catch leaves and other items that may still fall in the pond.

## Do you have a fish net?

When the water temps get cooler it may become easier to pull your fish out for winter.

Also it can help to get out some of the leaves that fall in.

## You can leave your pond running as long as you want,

But have everything already pulled so the last thing you pull out is the pump, debris net and basket. Store it with the Biofall items in a tote over winter.

## Store the pump in a bucket of water.

In a frost free area, you may want to add "Scale Free" to the water so the hard water doesn't build up on the pump.

## Items You May Need To Help With Shutting Down

### Waders, Water Proof Gloves, Fish Nets, Leaf Nets, Clippers

To cut back plant stems (leave an inch of stem) before placing at bottom of pond

### Totes

To place all the components from the Bioballs and skimmer items for storing.

### Buckets

To put your fish in when you bring them inside.

