



WATER FEATURES AREN'T HIGH MAINTENANCE:

5 MYTHS EVERYONE GETS WRONG

1. WATER FEATURES ARE BREEDING GROUNDS FOR MOSQUITOES

Mosquitoes breed in still, standing water. A well-designed water feature has lots of water movement. In fact, we recommend turning the water over once every hour. Also, ponds support fish, frogs, toads, and other wildlife that are natural predators of mosquitoes.

2. MAINTAINING A POND IS CONSTANT WORK

In actuality, a properly installed ecosystem pond is less work than the expanse of grass it replaces. A balance of five key factors creates the basis for a truly low maintenance pond, including filtration, circulation, plants, fish, and rocks and gravel. Will you need to perform a bit of maintenance from time to time? Of course, but you'll spend less time maintaining a healthy pond than you will on mowing, fertilizing, and watering the lawn.

3. YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE ALGAE IN YOUR WATER FEATURE

A proper proportion of algae is considered beneficial and an integral part of a healthy ecosystem. Pristine, over-treated water isn't natural, nor is it good for your fish who enjoy snacking on algae that cling to rocks. An abundance of algae has a simple cause – too much sunlight and plenty of nutrient-rich water. That's why a well-designed pond or water feature includes proper filtration to diminish the nutrients that contribute to the growth of algae. In addition, aquatic plants compete for the same food source as algae and can help control its growth.



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4. PONDS NEED DAILY WATER TESTING AND CORRECTIVE TREATMENT

If your pond or water feature isn't chemically dependent, there's nothing to test. Rivers, lakes, and oceans aren't tested and plenty of wildlife thrive in their waters. Stick to a philosophy of a balanced pond with minimal maintenance and your water should remain healthy throughout the year. Granted, there might be outside forces (such as lawn chemicals seeping into your pond after a heavy rain) that can alter water chemistry. But as a rule, you won't need to test your pond water.

5. ANY CONTRACTOR OR LANDSCAPER CAN INSTALL A POND

Building a water feature, and building it right are often two very different things. This is one of the myths that can prove costly. A good landscaper might be talented with hardscapes and softscapes, but that doesn't mean he or she is knowledgeable in the concept, design, or construction that makes a naturally balanced pond function properly. Be sure to hire a trained, certified installer like a Certified Aquascape Contractor. Hiring the landscaper with the cheapest bid often becomes the most expensive option when you realize you need the water feature completely renovated when it doesn't work right.

BONUS - 6. WE ARE A CERTIFIED AQUASCAPE CONTRACTOR AND CAN HELP WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY EVER HAVE.



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