# POND Maintenance Treatments



**POND CALCULATOR:** 

**LENGTH** 

WIDTH X

AVG. DEPTH X

7.48

**= TOTAL GALLONS** 



# **USE EVERY WEEK CAN BE USED TOGETHER**

Wait at least 4-5 days AFTER algaecide treatment to apply. Algaecides will kill beneficial bacteria.



#### POND CLEANER™ - DRY

A biological bacteria enhancer that helps keep pond water clear, clean, and healthy. Mix this product into a bucket of pond water and pour throughout the pond on a weekly basis. 1 oz. treats 1,000 gallons.

#### MUCK BUSTER®

Beneficial bacteria with barley and enzymes to help break down organic debris on the pond's bottom. Mix this product into a bucket of pond water and pour throughout the pond on a weekly basis. 1 oz. treats 500 gallons.

## POND FIX® - DRY

Suited for spot application, sprinkle on problem areas to quickly remove stringy growth from waterfalls, rocks, and streams. Also works great in pondless applications and fountains. It is best to turn off pumps so water stops flowing. Add the powder directly to the stringy growth and let sit for about 15 minutes. Spray or wash away stringy growth. Turn pumps back on. Use this whenever stringy growth becomes present. Do not add Pond Fix on the same day vou treat with Pond Cleaner™ or Muck Buster®. 2 lbs. treats 800 sq ft.







# PURIFY™ - DRY

Purify Dry dechlorinating powder will immediately remove chlorine that is present in city water supplies. Use anytime you add chlorinated water to the pond. Chlorine is toxic to fish. This treatment is safe for use with fish, plants, birds or domestic animals that drink from the pond. 1 oz. treats 3,000 gallons.

# SPRING & FALL CLEAN™

Spring & Fall Clean contains cold water natural bacteria designed to accelerate the decomposition of leaves, twigs, muck and other sediment during the fall and winter months while replenishing winter bacteria loss during the spring. This treatment is safe for use with fish, plants, birds or domestic animals that drink from the pond. Start applying once per week when water temperature drops below 55°F. 1 packet treats 1,000 gallons.





WHEN USED AS **DIRECTED** 



# POND MAINTENANCE

Waterfall Box

SKIMMER BOX MAINTENANCE

Check weekly. When necessary remove and clean the net and mat located in the Skimmer Box (pic A). If the water level where the pump is located is lower than the water level in the pond, the skimmer mat and net will need to be cleaned (pic B). This typically needs to be done every 10-14 days but will vary depending on the amount of debris falling into the pond, fish load, and feeding regimen.



### WATERFALL BOX MAINTENANCE

Usually once per year you should remove the Bacti-Twist® filter media located in your Waterfall Box and clean thoroughly to remove any debris that has collected over time (pic C). This should only be done when water temperatures are coldest or below 50 degrees. Whenever possible, clean and rinse the media using water collected from the pond. Chlorinated tap water can kill the beneficial bacteria living on the media.



#### **EVAPORATION**

If you are not using the Blue Thumb Automatic Fill Valve then you will need to occasionally replace any evaporated water. This can be done using a garden hose (pic D). If you are using tap water that contains chlorine and you have fish then be sure to add Blue Thumb's Purify to the pond as you add water (pic E). Add water until the water level reaches to within 3/4" - 1" below the opening of the Skimmer Box (pic F).



# **SPRING START-UP**

When water temperatures are consistently above 40°F for a week or more we can start up our ponds for another enjoyable season.

If you do not have fish, it is generally a good idea to drain the pond each year in spring to clean out any debris that has accumulated, then use the appropriate water treatments for a fresh start.

If you do have fish, you will need to take a gentler approach to keep them healthy as you bring them out of hibernation or reintroduce them to a fresh pond. See our Spring Pond Prep guide for more detailed information.



### WATER TREATMENTS

Be sure to continue using the treatments listed on the reverse of this flyer. These are extremely important to the overall health and enjoyment of your pond. Preventative maintenance is the answer!

If you have additional questions on how to maintain your water feature, please visit our website at **shopbluethumb.com**