

PLANNING YOUR POND

Follow these helpful tips on site selection for the pond:

- " The site should have a minimum of 4 to 6 hours of sunlight.
- " The site will need electrical power
- " The pond should be easily viewed from inside the home, or wherever entertaining will be done.
- " If not necessary, do not place pond under trees.
- " Locate the marshy area of the pond on the far side, so not to impede view of the pond. The marshy area may include marsh plants such as iris, cattails, reeds, and other plants native to marshes.)
- " Always dig in an area of untouched soil to prevent future wall cave-ins.
- " Do not locate the pond in a low lying area of the property. Doing so may allow fertilizers and pesticides to enter the pond, which may result in the death of plants and/or fish. Water run off will also enter the pond and change the pH of the pond, possibly causing grater algae build up.
- " Lay out a garden house the size and shape of the pond to see if it is suitable for the desired location.
- " Make sure that the pond is safe for small children to be around. A gradual incline into the pond is suggested, for ponds that humans may enter.
- " Follow municipal code as it pertains to depth restrictions, usually 2' to 3' deep. Call your local municipality for specifications, certain depths may require a fence around the ponds perimeter.

Zones:

- " Marshy zone to approx. 1'
- " Medium water zone 2' -3'
- " Deep Water Zone 2' -4'

