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MAINTAINING YOUR WATER FEATURE DURING THE WINTER

Shutting Your Feature Down for the Season

Our recommendation is to shut the feature down for the season, especially if you are leaving town for any length of time. All pond pumps are equipped with a check valve that must be disconnected from the pump prior to shutting down. If this is not performed, there is a chance the check valve could freeze and break causing additional service in the spring.

Keep Your Feature Running

Leaving your water feature up and running is an option many people prefer. The waterfall and/or stream still provide the beautiful sound of running water, but the freezing water also creates wonderful ice sculptures. The water movement created by running the feature during the winter also eliminates the need for additional oxygenation of the water. There are many benefits to operating your pond and waterfall year-round, but there are also a couple things you need to watch out for.

As the water in the falls or stream freezes, the possibility of water loss due to ice damming is increased. When the ice freezes, a dam that pushes the flowing water over the edge of the liner can be created. This is not always a problem, but it is something that you need to be aware of and watch out for. You will probably be surprised to learn, that even during the winter, running water is still exposed to evaporation. Although water loss in your pond is considerably less than during warm months, you will still need to add water to make up for this loss. Simply keep an eye on your pond's water level during the winter months and top off as needed. Whether you choose to shut down your pond or leave it running during the winter months, a bit of minor maintenance is all that is needed to ensure that your pond will perform optimally when warmer breezes begin to blow.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON IONGEN SYSTEM AND SMART POND DOSING SYSTEM XT

IonGen System: It is recommended to turn off the IonGen System in regional that have climates that experience cold temperatures. This will prevent elevated copper levels during the time of the year when there is no algae growth, and will prolong the life of the IonGen probe.

Smart Pond Dosing System XT: The XT System and liquid water treatments are not designed to be operated during freezing temperatures. The unit is equipped with an internal protection thermostat that will shut off the dosing pump at temperatures below 40°F / 4°C.

Remove the control panel, treatment, and intake assembly during winter freezing temperatures and store in a frost-free location.

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