

Pond Styles Overview

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revitalize backyard landscape with **ponds and water features**

Is your backyard looking a little **dry**? When it comes to landscaping, more and more homeowners are incorporating **ponds** into their design. But, if you think water features are reserved for those with expansive **acreage** and big **budgets**, think again. No matter how small or big your plans, there's a pond style for every **space**.

A dramatic water element can be as subtle as an [ornamental water fountain](#), or a waterfall that curtains over a retaining wall and disappears into a shallow pool below. If you have the room for a larger feature, consider planning a wetland water garden or even designing a spectacular koi pond with formal touches.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

DECORATIVE WATER FEATURES

make the sight and sound of water the focal point in your yard. From freestanding [container fountains](#) to a disappearing waterfall that's landscaped into your makeover plans, decorative water features are ideal where you need to add drama in a small space. They're also the easiest to maintain! For more specific ideas, see the [Pond Construction and Enhancement](#) section in our Article Library.

PLANTED WATER GARDENS

transform stark urban spaces into beautiful flowering sanctuaries, or return green suburban lawns to lush, wildlife havens. [Careful plant selection](#), [good filtration](#), and [regular testing](#) will be the big three factors to consider for planted water garden success. Ideal for those who love to garden and watch their efforts grow, though not reserved for green-thumb experts.

KOI PONDS

come in many shapes and styles, but all put the health of their inhabitants first. That means plenty of water volume, [biological filtration](#), [proper nutrition](#), and seasonal considerations. But, for all the attention you give them, [koi](#) reward their owners with playful personalities and a graceful beauty that's legendary. Consider a structured, formal pond like a traditional zen pond or create an informal pond inspired by nature with a winding canal for koi to travel.

In addition to boosting the resale value of your property, designating a portion of your yard as a water feature means more time outdoors enjoying where you live. The sound of a [fountain](#) or [tumbling waterfall](#) softens any stressful day. And, the time spent tending your new aquatic garden will reward you for years to come!

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