

Pond Water Fountains 101

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[Water fountains](#) provide circulation and [aeration](#) benefits to any water garden and can make a world of difference for you and your [koi](#). Even on the hottest days, water fountains oxygenate warm water to create a healthy, oxygen-rich environment for your koi.

Properly oxygenated water allows beneficial aerobic bacteria to process organic materials more efficiently, improving water quality and minimizing odors and aggressive [algae](#) growth. Also, the additional water movement created by fountains eliminates stagnant areas that are breeding grounds for [mosquitoes](#).

Another significant benefit of water fountains is the way they help wash away stress. From the soothing and relaxing sounds they create to the way they gently rain back down, water fountains provide a [feast for the senses](#).

Setup is easy and oftentimes, it is simply a matter of setting a [water pump](#) at the right depth, connecting the fountain fitting, and running the power cord to an outlet. When selecting a fountain, consider the fountain nozzle style, recommended gallons per hour rating of the fountain pump, as well as the fitting size. These factors will determine the size and pattern of your water feature. Or, to make things easy, consider a complete [fountain kit](#) where all of the necessary components are included for your convenience.

