

## **I Want a Pond, Not a Swamp!**

I think of clean water cascading over rocks in a gurgling brook on a gravel stream bed, ornamental grasses being brushed by the cool water, the majestic glow of a flowering clematis vine as it clings to a mossy log, water lilies gently opening as the warm sun peaks through the branches of a young hemlock, koi lazily swimming clearly visible at the bottom of this natural paradise. This is only the beginning of the Aquascape lifestyle.

It's true that water gardening has had its flops, but it has also had its successes. The industry has learned from both, so much so that water gardeners can consistently build beautiful, successful, and very low maintenance ponds. It's really quite simple. In the past a pond was a piece of fish safe liner tossed in a hole, a pump and hose, a potted water lily, and few fish gasping for air. Not to mention string algae and green water. A healthy natural pond needs to have a balanced life cycle and the part of that cycle that has been missing in most ponds is beneficial bacteria. These bacteria live in the biological filters and on rocks and gravel in the pond. They consume ammonia and nitrates that poison the water. Another important aspect of a proper pond is filtration. Although most ponds have some form of filtration it is usually not enough. The water needs to be continually renewed, therefore you need to circulate the whole pond approximately once per hour to get proper filtration. It is all about creating a balanced ecosystem. With an Aquascape pond it is very easy to achieve once you have the proper tools and understanding.

If you have any questions on how you can create this beautiful paradise in your yard please call or come by our store.

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