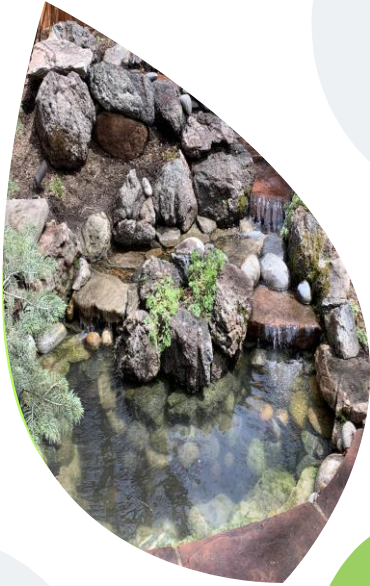


# Why Is Koi Pond Maintenance Important?





First Things First



# What Is a Koi Pond?

Koi ponds are beautiful water feature placed amidst your home or business's landscaping.

The fundamental difference between this water feature and other similar ones is that the goal is to create a healthy habitat for Koi fish. Not only does this add interest to your landscaping, but also the joy and fun of feeding and visiting your fish each day.

Koi fishponds come in many different sizes and shapes, including square, rectangular, circular, oval, and round.

They may be constructed from concrete, stone, wood, metal, plastic, fiberglass, or any combination thereof. Some have built-in filtration systems while others do not. Regardless of their size, shape, materials used, or filtration system, the goal remains the same: creating an ideal environment for your fish to thrive.



# Koi Pond Installation

In order to keep your Koi Pond healthy and thriving, the right design will be necessary. While it may seem like installing a Koi Pond is a relatively simple process, it is important that it is designed correctly and includes the right components, or your fish could become sickly and die. Thus, the first step towards keeping your Koi Pond healthy is to trust the installation to a reputable pond installer. The knowledgeable installer will take care to include native plants, rocks, gravel, and other natural elements into your pond that act as a natural filtration system to create a healthier environment for your fish.

Another important step is to choose a size and location for your pond that offers protection and sustainability for the pond ecosystem. This decision should take into consideration the amount of sunlight your Koi Pond receives, the surrounding landscape, and the amount of space available. The professionals will take into consideration your desired placement and then determine if this is a viable option for a flourishing ecosystem.

The final step is to get an estimate of the associated costs and schedule your pond's installation. Once you have decided on a vision for your pond, a reputable company will provide a written estimate for the project. If you are satisfied with the price and design of the pond, you can sit back and let the work begin. In no time at all you will be enjoying all the benefits of your brand-new Koi Pond!

# The Importance of Cleaning, Maintenance, and Repairs

Once you've taken the plunge and added a Koi fishpond to your property, you may be wondering what's next? As it is essential to keep up with regular cleaning, maintenance, and repairs on your home or business, your pond will require the same to ensure peak performance and fish health. While it is possible to do this yourself, many clients prefer a more hands off approach. Whether you simply need training on how to care for your pond or if you wish to completely pass the job off, the professionals can be a great asset in keeping your pond in tip top shape. If you want a beautiful, healthy water feature, cleaning, maintenance, and repairs will be non-negligible. In severe cases, failure to maintain your pond could result in the death of your fish. Thus, having a care plan before you install your pond will be of crucial importance.



# The Importance of Education

If you have trusted the professionals with the installation of your Koi fishpond, they should also be involved in the care plan for your fish. Each owner should be educated on the correct way to care for their pond. This includes being educated on the feature itself, as well as what care and maintenance will be required in order to keep the pond at peak health and beauty. The company should also make clients aware of what service options are available if they don't wish to care for their pond themselves.





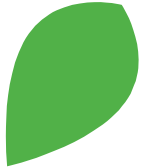
# The Importance of Professional Services

In general, a professional installation company will typically offer seasonal cleaning and maintenance packages, as well as repair/replacement services. These will be discussed further below:



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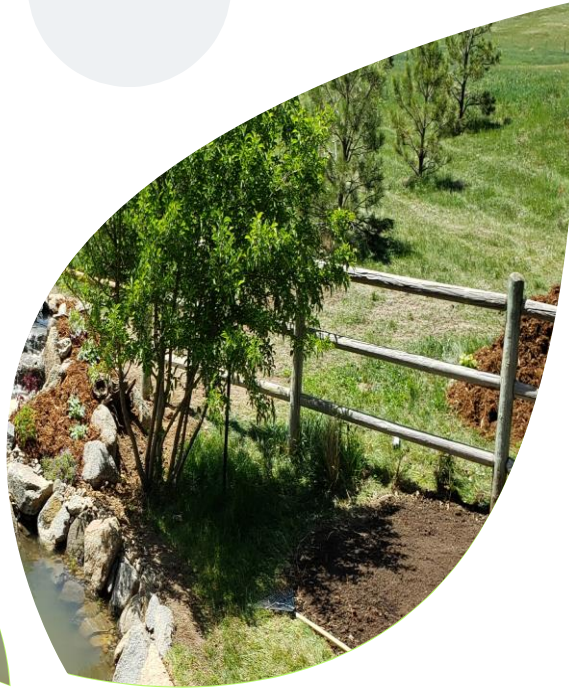
when it comes to keeping your pond clean, it is most important to do so at the start of the fall and spring seasons. This is because the change of seasons includes a change in temperature and the potential for an increase in dirt, debris, and leaves. If left unaddressed, your pond could develop issues with bacteria or algae resulting in a disgusting pond and the potential for sick or dying fish. When you call in the professionals, they can winterize your pond each fall and get it ready for the warm season each spring, preventing stress and ensuring your pond stands the test of time.





## Secondly,

it will be important to schedule or perform regular preventative maintenance. This includes inspecting the pond and identifying any issues before they lead to more serious and costly problems down the line. Depending on your budget and whether or not you prefer to care for your pond yourself or completely outsource the job to the professionals, you can schedule preventative maintenance with your installer on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, as needed, seasonal, or even annual basis.





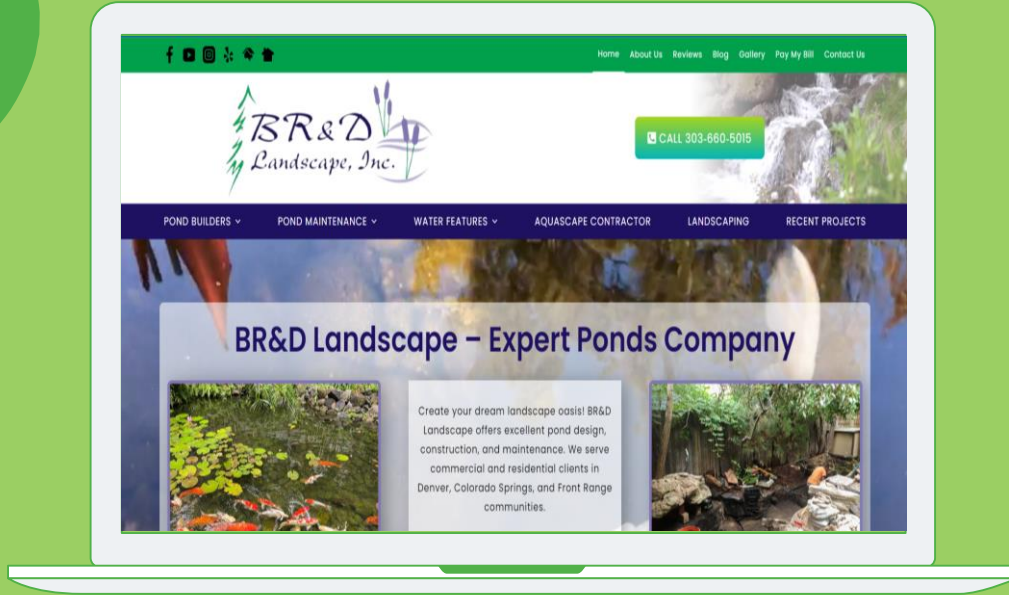
## Finally,

if you encounter problems with your pond and suspect some component is in need of repair or replacement, don't let the issue go until it creates a major disruption in the eco-system of your pond. Even though Koi ponds are often chosen for their low maintenance requirements, nothing is truly maintenance free. Thus, when a part stops working, begins leaking, or gives out entirely, call in a reputable company to diagnose the issue and get your pond back into working order once more. Failure to do so can result in serious problems for the health of your pond and fish. Some of the most common repairs needed for Koi ponds involve the filtration system or the pond pump. In both cases, these repairs need to be completed, in a timely manner, to avoid algae overgrowth and a subsequent lack of oxygen, which could kill your prized fishy friends.



“ *Simply put, your care and maintenance plan are every bit as important as the design, placement, and installation of the Koi Pond itself. Get the most out of your pond by taking care to schedule regular cleanings and maintenance!* ”





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