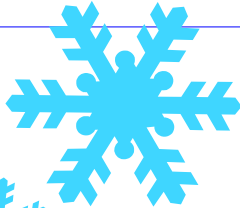


Winter Care For Your Pond



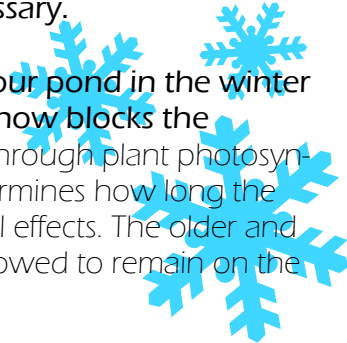
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Winter is the most misunderstood season for ponds. It is important to understand what happens in the pond during this often frigid time of the year.

It is not necessary to aerate the pond during the winter. Most of the pond life has slowed to a fraction of what it is during the heat of the summer. Oxygen is still being produced by coldwater plants under the ice. Because the use of oxygen is minimized and the fact that oxygen is still being produced artificial circulation is unnecessary.

The single most important thing you can do for your pond in the winter is to remove at least half of the snow off the ice. Snow blocks the sunlight. Sunlight allows oxygen to be produced through plant photosynthesis. The size, age and condition of your pond determines how long the snow cover can stay in place without any detrimental effects. The older and shallower the pond, the less time snow should be allowed to remain on the surface.



ALWAYS BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU ARE ON THE ICE! ESPECIALLY WHEN SNOW HAS BEEN PRESENT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. ICE CAN BE WEAK ALONG THE EDGES.

USE CAUTION AND COMMON SENSE!

