

Aquatic Plant Planting Guide

Aquatic plants (water lilies, lotus and marginals) are easy to grow if planted properly and given adequate fertilizers during the growing season.

WATER LILIES

Water lilies are normally placed on the bottom of the pool in containers. Water depth over the container can vary from 3 inches to 3 feet in normal conditions. When first placed in the pool the containers should be raised so that the top of the pot is at a depth of 3 to 6 inches. This can be accomplished by placing the container on bricks. This assists in the early growth of the plant as it adapts to the new environment. As the plant grows it can be lowered to the proper depth. When planting, all mature leaves can be removed and the root system trimmed. If leaves are left on they will likely deteriorate and should be removed as this occurs.

LILY-LIKE AQUATICS

Floating leaf aquatics require from 3 to 18 inches of water over the container. The containers are placed at the proper depth on the bottom, on bricks or a shelf.

MARGINAL PLANTS

Marginal plants are placed in the pool dependent upon their cultural requirements. They require a range of moisture conditions from wet soil to 12 inches of water over the container. Wet soil conditions require the top of the container be 1 to 3 inches above the surface of the water. They are placed in the pool on marginal shelves or placed on bricks at the proper depth.

SUBMERGED AQUATICS

Oxygenating plants are placed on the bottom of the pool in 1 to 4 feet of water. Bunches of plants are planted in containers no smaller than 1 quart.

FLOATING PLANTS

Floating plants are placed on the surface of the water and do not require a container.

PLANTING

Aquatic plants are best planted in a good heavy garden soil. The soil should not have been treated with weed killers or ordinary fertilizers. The proper fertilizer is specifically formulated for use in ponds. A layer of washed gravel placed over the soil enhances the appearance of the plant in the pool and keeps the soil in place when the plant is introduced to the pool.