

Oxygenating Plants

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Submerged plants are essential to maintain a proper balance in the pool. They add oxygen to the water and serve as a filter by absorbing dissolved nutrients and competing with algae. Oxygenating plants are essential for pools with fish. Not only do they help establish a natural balance in the pool, they also serve as a food source, spawning mats and a hiding place for baby fish.

PLANTING OXYGENATING PLANTS:

Oxygenating plants should be potted. They can be planted in any size container from a four inch pot to larger containers, using any good heavy soil. Do not use soil-less mixes or commercial potting mixes. After planting the oxygenating plants, cover the pots with a light coating of gravel or sand to avoid muddying the water. If large fish are present, the containers need to be covered with a protective material such as wire mesh until they become established.

Note: Place oxygenating plants in their own containers, as they compete with other plants when mixed.