

Container Water Gardens

Types Of Containers

Almost any object can be used as long as it holds water.

Some types include:

Whiskey Barrel With Liner

Terra Cotta Pot Sealed with spray urethane

Watering Can

Sink or a bathtub

Window box

Hanging basket

Moving Water

Moving water is a wonderful feature to add to a container water garden. Movement can be achieved numerous ways. Small spouting ornaments can be hooked to a pump for a bit of whimsy. Fountain heads, which can produce a variety of patterns, can be used to give a more formal look. Pumps can be used to pump water over rocks, through urns or to a pitcher pump. Also, pumps may be used alone, to get a quiet rippling effect. If you want the water to move 10" or less in height, then a 65 gallon per hour (GPH) pump will be sufficient. If you need you pump to pump 24" in height you may want to consider a 190GPH or a 250GPH. Always check the pump box for your individual requirements.

Plants

Aquatic plants should be chosen for their aesthetics value. There are usually three different criteria to use when choosing plants. First, do you want or need height? Second, do you want a plant with trailing qualities? Third, do you want the plant to flower?

Some of the more popular varieties include:

Height

Dwarf Papyrus

Sweet Flag

Miniature Cattail

Dwarf Bamboo

Trailing

Parrot Feather

Creeping Jenny

Floating Clover

Water Chestnut

Flowers

Dwarf Water Lily

Lotus

Aquatic Iris

Marsh Marigold

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