

Fountain Care

Please follow the directions below for Winterization and general care to maintain your investment for years to come.

Winterization

You can leave your fountain running during the winter. There are two things you need to make sure you do: First, check the water level every few days to make sure enough water is in your fountain and second, if we get a freeze, you'll need to put something in the water such as a tennis ball or pinecone. If the water freezes, your fountain may be damaged by the water/ice expansion cracking your fountain. Turn your fountain OFF if and when you do go out of town. Otherwise, you will likely burn up the pump.

If you choose to close the fountain for the winter, please follow these steps...

1. Always pull drain plugs out of large bowls, allowing water to completely drain.
2. Once fountain is empty of water, spray a water sealer on the dried cast stone, to make the pieces more repellent. (Note: This will not make the piece shiny or less appealing, it provides protection, for many years of enjoyment)
3. In large 3 and 4 tier fountains, place burlap or a towel in the top bowls to absorb water from rain.
4. Keep fountain clean, if leaves build up inside bowls they can trap water and your fountain can be damaged or stained.
5. If you are able to cover your fountains, do so and this will save you from doing many of the tasks above.

Standard Fountain Care

1. **Always check your water!** Water is taken away by evaporation, sun and splashing. **Fountains do not maintain water levels on their own.** Depending on the size of your fountain, you may have to refill it once every 2-3 days. *An empty fountain will cause your pump to burn up.* Sometimes daily in hot summertime temps.
2. Splashing is NORMAL and will occur when water falls from a higher level into a lower level.
3. Keep debris out of the bowls, because the debris will clog your pump and cause it's failure.
4. Use Fountec weekly to keep water clear and algae-free.
5. Use Protec every three months to keep fountains looking new from deposits and stains.

If you take a small amount of time to do the above steps you'll enjoy your investment for years to come, and so will your guests and neighbors.

