



Alice's Corner

Time marches on. Too quickly sometimes. Our season is here and for whatever reason, we still find ourselves somewhat behind. We don't like that. Our parking lot did not get "finished" as planned...inclement weather and now no rain to pack it in. So we will mechanically pack it and try to have it open in a week or two. Because our guys are working diligently in the parking lot, we couldn't get our flowers planted as we wanted to do, but then we are nervous about still the possibility of a freeze happening. This month, April 30th to be exact, will be our annual anniversary day or "Super Build-a-Pond Day" as we call it. By then, we love to have flowers in bloom, all areas freshly mulched, pots overflowing with plants, all landscaping

finished, new products in place and our best ready for you to celebrate with us. We have a class showing step-by-step how to build a pond, prize give-a-way's, sales throughout the Store, and free lunch. For those of you who are not aware, our pond-building class will be held inside in the indoor classroom so we celebrate rain or shine. There is no pre-registration required, the class is free, the fun is real. You should have no excuse not to attend. Tell all your friends and please join us for a day of fun, education, and visiting.

Ready or not, our ponds all need to be prepared for spring and summer. I hope if you did not get to attend our first class, "Spring Start-up", that you were here last year and remember what to do. We cleaned my own pond this past week with the wonderful warm weather and discovered frogs ready for season and the dreaded snake. This is the first snake that I have personally found near my pond and I hope the last. I do know it was non-poisonous but there are other ways of dying...like of fright. Seriously, many of you have asked how to keep snakes from your ponds. We read and hear of treatments, ideas, etc., but I have customers who say they have tried them all and none of them work. I do not necessarily mind a snake sunning at the ponds' edge; after all the day I saw my "twenty-foot-long" snake he was stretched out on the warm rocks enjoying the warm weather just as much as I, and after all I want my pond to be a nature pond. What I do not want is him feasting on my fish, or getting too close to me.

We at Pond Pro wish all of you the best pond season this year. Please make your plans to share and enjoy Super Build-a-Pond Day with us on April 30th, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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Tips and Tricks

One question we get asked a lot is, "How do you keep your ponds looking so good?" Our answer has to start with a full time crew to work on them regularly. However, you shouldn't need a crew in your yard if you apply some simple principles to your pond-keeping. Treat with bacteria regularly (we use two), keep up with your algaecide treatments, provide plenty of oxygen, maintain the proper amount of fish (6" per 100 gallons), don't over feed the fish you do have, remove leaves and grass as soon as you can and keep your skimmer basket clean.

Progress: So far we've been able to fill in the pond, lay down a good base and pack, pack, pack. We were waiting on a good rain to help settle the base before we brought in gravel but that wait has been in vain. Here's what it looks like so far. Maybe this week will be the key and we'll be able to open it next week.



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www.wgso.org for more info
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 405-391-3215 for more info
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Apr 9
 1:00pm

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Apr 30
 10:00am

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May 14
 10:00am
 1:00pm

Plants/Fish/Algae

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