

Mike's Minutes

We're having some really terrific weather right now. I wish it would stay this way all year. Of course, it is changing up and down almost daily. but it's a little like Mama Bear's porridge, neither too hot nor too cold; but just right. This changing weather impacts your ponds too. The fish are all turned around... 'Do we eat?' 'No, it's too cold.' 'But I'm hungry! See, I'm coming up to the surface begging. Feed ME!!' I get three, maybe four, calls a day asking if the fish will be okay if they quit feeding them right now. The easy answer is yes. The hard answer is it

depends on your pond and your fish load. Most of us can quit feeding as water temperatures reach and remain somewhere in the mid to low 50's. We ALL must stop feeding when the water is a constant 50 or below as the fish's metabolism has slowed so much that food will not be digested. Our pond temperatures went from 58 degrees to 52 degrees to 66, all in the matter of 72 hours. Plants are also going dormant at this time of year and while some of you like the looks of your pond with those papyrus or umbrella palms or tall grasses even when they turn yellow or brown, be watchful that they don't lay down in the water as they die for the winter. Get as much organic debris; leaves, stalks, seeds out of the pond as you can. Leaving it in the water all winter is a recipe for an algae problem in the spring. We also believe you should continue to feed bacteria into your pond throughout the winter so that you will have a good colony built up early in the spring as waters begin to warm and fish become active. This will help forestall an early algae bloom caused by a build up of ammonia early on.



As I told you in last months newsletter, we go to Winter hours beginning November 1st. We will be closed on Sunday, Monday AND Tuesday until March. We will still be open Wednesday through Friday from 9-6 and Saturday from 10-4. If the weather is bad or might be turning bad, please call ahead to make sure we are open before driving out to see us. The store number is (405) 273-8363.

We are changing the Pond Dollar redemption period for next year from November/December to October. You will still receive one pond dollar for every ten dollars you spend here in the store and ten pond dollars for every class you attend. Because of this change, I have elected to discontinue the lighting display in the yard. Many of you have come out the last two years to view the lights and while they were beautiful, having to put up and take down over 70,000 lights was very labor intensive and time consuming; we feel that labor can be better used elsewhere.



As you celebrate Thanksgiving with your loved ones, remember our troops who can't be with their families this year. We here at Pond Pro Shop are thankful for many things but especially for you and your love of ponds and all things water-ful. ...Mike

We'll be closed November 28-December 3 to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families!

Water Garden Club Meetings

Tulsa 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Tulsa Garden Ctr
www.gcwgs.com for more info
 OKC 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00pm Will Rogers
www.wgso.org for more info
 Stillwater 3rd Monday @ 7:00pm
www.stillwaterwatergardens.org for more info
 Duncan 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm Red River Tech
 580-595-0842 for more info
 If you have a water garden club let us know so we can advertise it here for you.

CLOSING SPECIAL NOTE

In order to allow our employees to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families and to take advantage of 'Black Friday' we are going to be closed from **November 28th through December 3rd**. We'll reopen at 9:00am on December 4th. We hope you enjoy a relaxing weekend of family, food and football. If you're traveling over the river and through the woods, please be careful.



NEW Classes - SPRING/SUMMER 2014 SCHEDULE

Check the schedule for start times. All classes are free and open to the public. No advance registration required. More classes added each month. Ten Pond Dollars awarded for each class. We train rain or shine in the only indoor pond training facility in the U.S.

March 15 2014 **Spring Startup**
 Your pond will be waking up soon and the fish will be hungry. It's time to find out all about getting ready for the new season. Come to class and earn ten Pond Dollars besides learning a lot about your pond.
10:00am

March 29 2014 **New Class...Pond Filtration**
 We get lots of questions every year about filtration in water gardens and koi ponds. During this class, we'll show and discuss the various types of filters available and how you can best implement them in your pond.
10:00am

April 12 2014 **Pond Build**
 If you have ever wanted a pond in your landscape, now is the time and this is the place. We start with a hole in the ground and go through every step up to and including adding water. Come let us show you how it's done.
10:00am

More on Our Lake Levi Clear Water Project

Most of you don't have a pond with 30,000 gallons like our Lake Levi but your pond can be this clear too as long as you maintain the proper fish load and provide sufficient filtration.

This pond is running three Savio Skimmers, three Atlantic BF3800 BioFilters, three ShinMaywa 7,000 GPH pumps, one OASE ProfiMax 7,000 GPH pump and an Oase Biotec 32000 filter with a Bitron 110 Watt UV light. So, allowing for the differences in size for your pond and the number of fish, how does your flow rate, filtration and UV protection compare?

Get the latest information on our website or Facebook page; www.pondproshop.com or [facebook.com/pond-pro-shop/](https://www.facebook.com/pond-pro-shop/). **Please note our Winter store hours begin November 1; Wednesday thru Friday 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. Closed Sunday-Tuesday.** Our store number is 405-273-8363 if you have questions concerning products or classes.

Pond Dollars

Thanksgiving

Our gift to you. Twenty-Five Pond Dollars to add to your total. Just our way of saying "THANKS" to our valued customers.
 One per customer please.
 Coupon required, Redeem November 15-December 21.



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