

Mike's Minutes

What a year we've had! What? You say the year is not over it's only November. Of course you're correct but our company runs on a fiscal year that ends October 31st so, we are kicking off a new year here at the Unit Liner family of companies. Our goal is to make this year even more successful than the last one and that depends on taking care of you, our customers.

You may note on the reverse side of that we have published the new class schedule. If you are thinking about a

pond, a waterfall or other water feature, come to one of our classes to find out how it's done. We'll have classes this year for pond building, waterfalls and streams, maintenance, other water features and opening and closing your pond.

By this time of the year, we should all be done feeding our fish and if you haven't already covered your pond with a net to catch falling leaves, it's probably too late. Water temperatures here at the store are hovering around ___ which is too low for the fish to digest much. It's best just to let them forage in the pond for what they think they need. I promise, they won't starve to death.



No special reason for the picture, just a little something to tide you over until Spring.

The first average freeze in central Oklahoma is November

5th so we still have some plants that are surviving. We

will be trimming back many of the plants to just above the crown or the water level whichever is higher. Some tall stalky plants (like cattails, reeds, etc) we will leave just for looks, with a plan to trim them back early in the spring before new growth appears.

You might want to consider removing your UV lights now and cleaning them up for the spring. Pack them away safely someplace where you can find them in February. If you leave them in service through the winter, remember they may freeze if your electricity goes out for any reason and the water stops flowing through them. The same advice goes for pressure filters. Check the manufacturer's recommendation for cold weather use.

Please note we are on **Winter** hours as of November 1st.

Closed Sunday, Monday AND Tuesday...Mike



You have this to look forward to...this is what happens when you leave a pump running in freezing weather on a spitter or feature like our rain shed. Picture from 2/1/2010.

Tips and Tricks

The first freeze of the season is always a good reminder that now is the time to float your de-icer or heater in the pond to be ready for the freezes ahead. I can't think of anything worse than trying to install pond equipment when it's below freezing and the north wind is howling. You might also consider an aerator to help keep a hole open in the ice although we suggest putting it on a shallow shelf or the shallower end of the pond until warmer weather when it can be put deeper. Although an aerator is not so much needed for oxygen balance during the winter, it can be helpful and since most of our ponds are only 24-36 inches, we don't really have to worry about mixing warmer and colder water like they do up north.

Water Garden Club Meetings

Tulsa 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30pm Tulsa Garden Ctr
www.gcwgs.com for more info
 OKC 1st Tuesday @ 7:00pm NW Church of Christ
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.

**Military (Active or Retired) and Water
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Classes - SPRING/SUMMER 2016 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
 5th
 2016**

10:00am

Spring Startup

What can you do to make your pond season
 better? How can you help your fish come into
 the spring with outstanding immune systems?
 Should I fertilize plants now? Come to class to
 find out.

**April
 2nd
 2016**

10:00am

Pond Filtration

Along with circulation and aeration, filtration is
 one of the big three factors in a healthy pond.
 Come learn about the different types and why
 you need filtration for your fish and plants.

**April
 16th
 2016**

10:00am

Pond Build

We will be using the Atlantic Water Gardens
 equipment for this build. If you're considering
 a pond in your yard, come watch and learn.
 You'll be glad you did!

If you have an idea for a class, please share it



WGSO Cookout October 2015

Get the latest information on our Facebook page. [Facebook.com/pages/Pond-Pro-Shop](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pond-Pro-Shop) Please
**note: We are on Winter store hours, open : Wednesday thru Friday 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday
 10:00am-4:00pm. Closed Sunday-Monday-Tuesday.** Phone 405-273-8363.

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