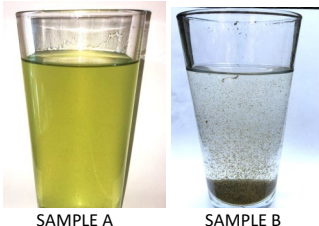


# How to Keep Your Water Clear

THESE ARE THE STEPS YOU MUST TAKE TO HAVE CLEAR WATER -- DON'T SKIP ANY!

**Take a sample of water.** Does it look like Sample A or B? If it looks like A, continue below. If it looks like B, you need to clean your pond or add filtration to correct the issue.



**DO NOT SKIP THIS.** Both issues look the same in the pond.

## Set Your Pond Up Right Mechanically

- Have a biological filter *outside* your pond — like a biological waterfall filter
- Circulate your pond at least once an hour
- Use a skimmer to protect your pump and remove debris
- Have an overflow built into your pond. Make sure the overflow *runs downhill*

## Use BioClear and Clean packets WEEKLY! Use BioClear EXTREME liquid for faster results.

Don't wait for an issue to arrive. Be proactive! It's better and easier to keep your water from turning green than to cure it once it has appeared.

## Use an Aerator... Use an Aerator

Yep, said it twice. That's how important it is. Your waterfall or fountain will not be enough.

## You Must Have River Rock in the Pond Bottom

We recommend your entire rubber liner be covered in rock, but a 1-2" layer of river rock in the bottom is imperative for beneficial bacteria growth.

## Have an Adequate Number of Fast-Growing, Nutrient-Eating Aquatic Plants

WATERLILIES DON'T COUNT. You need many shallow water, marginal plants.

## Stop Cleaning Your Biological Filter

Every time you clean the filter you destroy the beneficial bacteria. Only clean it when the water flow has diminished. Clean Biological Waterfalls once per year in the spring or fall. Yes, it will look nasty and that's ok!

## Keep the Carpet Algae

You should have a slight coating of green on all the surfaces under the water. Don't try to remove it...it's helping to combat green water. Don't let *string algae* get ahold of your pond however. Keep using Remove Away Plus to keep the carpet algae from becoming "hairy."

## Clean Your Pond Once Annually

Refrain from doing water changes to your pond to try to clear the water. It won't work. Clean it once or twice a year only in the early spring or late fall.

## Fish...

Have fish because they eat algae and mosquito larvae but don't let them over-populate. Also choose koi instead of goldfish because goldfish can be dirtier. If you feed your fish, which you don't have to, use Cool Ponds fish food because it is high protein and has few fillers. Feed fish only a couple times a week. Remember fish food = fish waste = green water. Don't add tropical fish.

## Don't Use Algaecides

If you kill algae in your pond, the dead algae decays and eventually feeds more algae. Plus, decaying organic matter removes oxygen from your pond water which can kill your fish. *Quick tip: if the product has the term "algae" in its name, it is an algaecide.*

## Follow All These Steps Then **Be Patient** and Wait for Your Reward

Nothing in this list is fast, it may take several weeks or months. But if you follow all these steps, you eventually will be rewarded with a clear, clean pond that lasts.

**For More Info Visit:** [CoolPonds.BlogSpot.Com](http://CoolPonds.BlogSpot.Com) or [CoolPonds.Net](http://CoolPonds.Net)

*These are the exact steps we use in our ponds and our clients' ponds. Individual results may vary due to many factors such as pond placement, depth, type of rock used, type of filter, installation methods, etc. For best results and guaranteed clear water, have Cool Ponds install your water feature.*



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