



Fountain, Bird Bath, Statuary, Bench & Planter Care

Winter Care

Fountain/Bird Baths

Clean and dry the fountain/bird bath completely. When cleaning, use a gentle soap such as dish soap and a very soft brush. Anything more abrasive may damage the finish. In Winter, fountains/bird baths can freeze causing cracking or damage to the finish. If possible, store them inside a garage, shed or basement. If product must be left outside, place a piece of wood under it to raise it off the ground. This will help prevent damage from freezing and thawing cycles. Then, fill it with an absorbent material (towel/burlap) and cover it with a fountain cover, dark plastic or tarp.

Statues/Benches

It is best to bring statues and benches inside. If they must be left outside, treat them the same as the fountain/bird baths. Raise them off the ground with a piece of wood; place burlap or any other absorbent material over them; and cover them with a dark piece of plastic or tarp.

Stone/Clay Planters

Empty soil from the planter. Stone and clay will crack if left outside, so to prevent this, store inside.

Metal Outdoor Décor

These items should be stored inside during the winter if possible. You may wish to apply a clear coat to these items to prolong their life. Please contact your local hardware for recommendations.

Additional Recommendations

Preserving the Finish

Fading and discoloration is expected to occur over time. As a preventative measure, you may wish to apply a clear coat to some of the items you place outdoors. We recommend you visit your local hardware for specific recommendations. We also recommend you always do a test spot when applying any preservatives to prevent unwanted discoloration or peeling. Cleaning with a gentle soap and soft cloth or very soft brush (such as a toothbrush) may also prolong the life of your outdoor décor.

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Fountains

Intended Use – Our fountains are designed for outdoor use. They may be used indoors but will generate moisture in the surrounding areas. Care must be taken to use only in areas where water will not cause damage. Keep away from areas of frequent foot traffic to avoid slippery surfaces.

Pump Care – Pumps should always be plugged into a grounded receptacle. It is recommended that the pump be run in a bucket of water first to “prime” the pump and check for proper operation. Pumps must always be fully submerged in water. Low water levels may cause the pump to overheat and burn out. Pumps should be cleaned regularly to ensure long life. Hard water buildup on the impeller will cause reduced efficiency.

Fountain Care – Your fountain will last longer when kept clean. Use a soft cloth and mild soap to clean your fountain on a regular basis. It is important to keep the water fresh and free from leaves and debris. Hard water should be avoided to reduce staining and paint discoloration.

Repairing – Small chips and minor paint erosion can be fixed using common “hobby paints” that are close to the existing color.

Discoloration & Fading – Discoloration and fading is a natural result of the aging of your fountain. Gentle cleaning will help prolong your fountain’s life.

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