



Recommended Care for Statuary, Fountains, Iron works, and Planters

Winter Care

Fountains/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 harsh may damage the finish. Win fountains can freeze, causing cracking or damage to the finish. If possible store the fountain/bird bath inside a garage or shed.

If product must be left out, 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 fountains/bird baths. Raise them off the ground with a piece of wood, place burlap or any other absorbent material over them and cover with a dark piece of plastic or tarp.

Clay/Stone Planters

Empty soil from the planter. They must be stored inside. Clay/stone will crack if left outside.

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

SPECIAL NOTES-

Preserving the Finish-Fading and discoloration is expected to occur over time. As a preventative measure, you may wish to clear coat some of the items that you place outside . It is recommended that you visit your local hardware for specific recommendations. We recommend that you always do a test spot first when applying any preservative.

Cleaning with a gentle soap and soft cloth or very soft brush (such as a tooth brush) may also prolong the life of your outdoor décor items.

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 submersed in water.** Low water levels may cause the pump to burn out. Pumps should be cleaned regularly to insure 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.

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

Note-Discoloration and fading is a natural result of the aging of your fountain. Gentle cleaning will help prolong your fountains life.