

Winter Pond Preparation Checklist

- Reduce the number of leaves falling into the pond with pond netting
- Clean out the pond using a pond vacuum, sludge treatment and a pond net
- Prune dead stems and leaves to prevent decay in the water
- Move non-hardy aquatic plants inside and hardy plants into the deeper part of the pond
- Get some wheatgerm pellets to transition your fish in and out of winter
- If the winter temperatures in your area tend to be freezing disconnect the pump, filter, and UV clarifier before water freezes
- If you leave your equipment running throughout the winter, decrease the flow rate and move the pump away from the bottom of the pond
- Keep the pond's water surface from freezing by putting a tennis ball in the water

Water temperature below...	Action
20°C	Divide and repot plants, prune dead stems and leaves Place net over your pond when leaves start to fall
15°C	Gradually change food to wheat germ Move non-hardy plants inside Clean the bottom of your pond using a pond vacuum and sludge treatment
10°C	Stop feeding fish Move your hardy plants into the deeper part of the pond.
2°C	Move or remove pump & filters Add pond heater