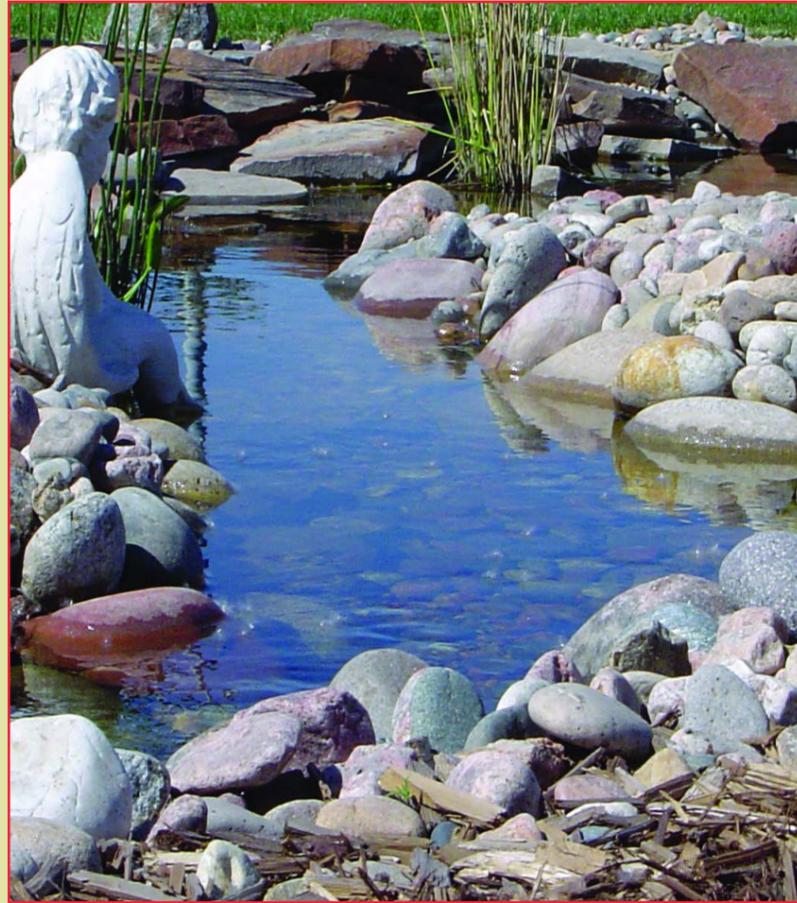


Project Overview



Nothing is as relaxing as the sound of water babbling over rocks or cascading gently over a small falls. In many ways it reminds you of a small mountain stream. Wouldn't it be great to relax in your yard to the sounds of a water feature? It is not just a dream. Create a focal point in your landscaping and become the envy of the neighborhood by adding a beautiful pond or water feature.

You can build it! Installing a pond or water feature on your property is an easy project for the "do it yourselfer". As with any project, the key is planning. Site selection is important and the following factors should be taken into consideration;

- Is the site free of underground encumbrances?
- How does the site fit with your master plan for future landscaping projects?
- How large of pond or stream fits your schedule in terms of maintenance?
- Is there ample sunlight available for aquatic vegetation?

If you're searching for ways to create or expand relaxing outdoor living spaces, your friends at GE Landscape Supply are here to assist you with all your landscaping needs. Whether it is estimating quantities of materials, determining which material best suits your project, or assisting with site selection, our goal is to help you create the landscape you desire.

Installation



1

Lay out or shape a garden hose to the size and configuration you are considering for the site of your water feature. Do it multiple times and take photographs of the layouts to pick your favorite. Use a can of spray paint to outline out the area of your choice.



2

Position the skimmer opposite the waterfall. Place the filter at the pond's edge or if your system has a stream, place the filter at the head of the stream.



3

Dig in layers, carving in plant shelves as you go. Use the soil to build a berm behind the filter. Dig the skimmer niche; the water level should be 1/3 of the way down from the top of the intake. Be sure to slope the sides backward at an angle. Also, make sure that the pond's perimeter is level.



4

Double-check for sharp rocks or roots. Then lay in the entire liner and underlayment, being careful around corners and over plant shelves. Smooth out the liner as much as possible. Position the liner at a height to include the skimmer niche and up to the top of the filter. Attach liner to the filter.



5

Stack stones up the side walls of the pond; similar to building a retaining wall. Lock the skimmer in place with stack stones.



6

Finish off with final stones. Mix it up with steppers, flats and boulders to add visual interest. Mix large rocks, gravel and some sand on the bottom of the pond for a more natural look.

Recommended Tools



Shovel



Flexible Tape Measure



Spray Paint



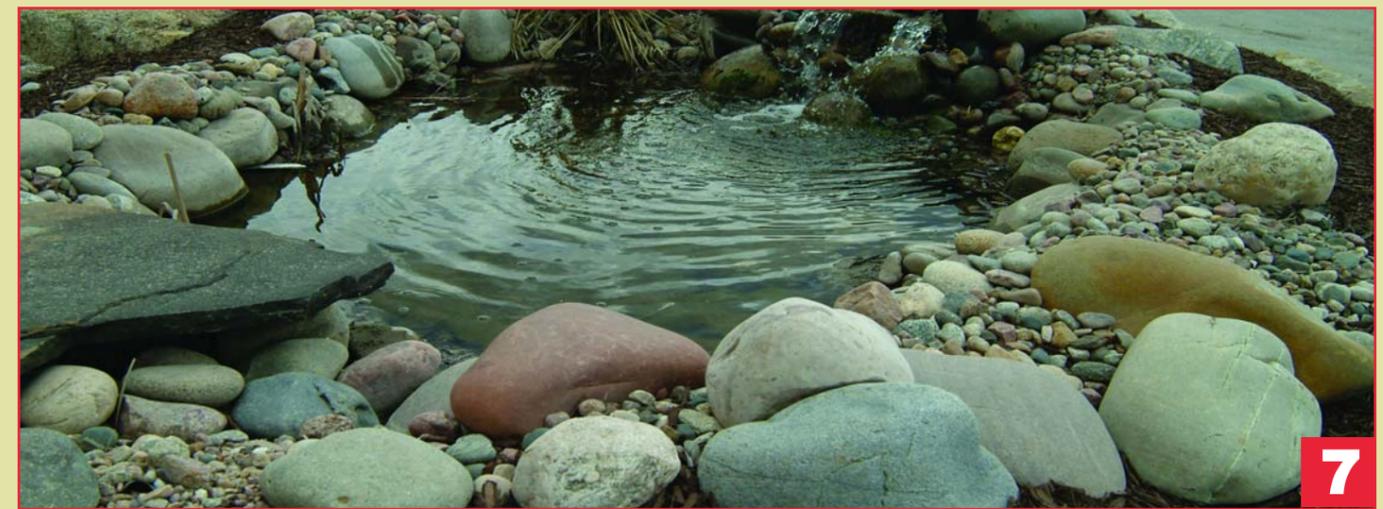
Utility Knife



Level



Garden Hose



7

Use a hose to wash out the entire pond area. Pump out to remove the debris and the dirty water. Refill the pond to the top. Check for overflow areas and trim the excess liner from around the pond. The project is now complete. It's time to enjoy the new water feature in your yard.