

HURRICANE CHECKLIST

Preparing Your Pond For The Storm

BEFORE THE STORM:

PREPARATION:

- Clear pond of debris
- Clear foliage or vegetation around the edges of the pond which could cause a problem during the storm
- Generator ready to run your system (pumps and aerator), or, at a minimum, a battery-operated aeration system – *Koi and pond fish can be kept alive for several weeks with good aeration*
- Gas to run your generator
- Do NOT lower your pond water
- Do NOT feed fish 24 hours prior to storm

SUPPLIES: Make sure you have these on hand before the storm

- Clean airstones or new airstones
- Net to remove debris after storm passes
- Ammonia tester (test kit and treatment)
- pH tester (test kit) and pH Buffer treatment
- Total water detoxifier treatment
- Rock salt for preventative treatment after storm

AFTER THE STORM:

TEST WATER for all three tests before treating so you can note any changes in your pond water

- Test pH (treat with pH Buffer if needed)
- Test ammonia (treat with detoxifier if needed)
- Test nitrite (treat with detoxifier if needed)

BACKUP SYSTEMS – if you cannot run your pump, be prepared to run an aerator

- For ponds under 300 gallons, you can run 4 small battery-operated aerators which run on D-cell batteries
- Ponds 300 gallons and up: you may want to buy a 1/2 HP Honda "suitcase" generator or something similar to run a 40, 60 or 100 watt aeration system
- If running a generator, make sure power supplies are correctly connected and grounded for this type of use in possible wet conditions.

Debris Removal:

- Clear pond of debris
- Survey pond where debris has fallen for damage to your pond's walls, lining, equipment or tubing system

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