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WINTERING OVER YOUR WATER GARDEN

Five Steps on what to do with pond itself:

1. Take 1/3 of the water out of the pond.
2. Take the pump out and any mechanical filter equipment (If you have any.)
3. Take out all fish; if your pond is shallow enough to freeze solid, and you do not want to have a pond de-icer.
** Should stop feeding fish when the water temp reaches 45 degrees and not before the water reaches a consistent 48 degrees in the spring. Also look for special Koi Vital or Medestix to help supplement their diet to get them ready for the colder temperatures.
4. Take some plants out.
5. Cover your pond with a net.

Plants

Hardy water lilies:

1. Wintering over
2. Dividing

Wintering over Tropical water lilies:

1. The Aquarium Method
2. The Distilled Water Method
3. The Peat Moss Method

Marginal Plants:

1. Hardy Marginals- Leave in the pond.
 - a. Trim back foliage.
 - b. Sink to the deepest part of the pond

2. Non-Hardy Marginals- Need to bring into the house as well watered houseplants.

Submersibles:

1. Anachris- Needs to come inside with gold fish in aquarium.
*Beware of the lead anchor used to bundle them together.
This band will toxify small areas like an aquarium setting,
So you may want to root them in sand or pea gravel before putting them into your aquarium.
2. Vallisneria- A native lake grass to Minnesota. Can sink to the deepest part of your pond until spring.

Floating Plants- ** Annuals**

Ex. Parrot Feather, Water Lettuce, Water Hyacinth, Caterpillar plant –
Except Duckweed

Water Lotus

Hardy to Zone 4

1. Cut the foliage back & sink to the bottom of the pond.
2. When the ice melts in the spring, bring them to the surface until Memorial Day.
3. Able to fertilize and leave in the pond, or remove from the pond and set on your deck.

Not Hardy to Zone 4

1. Bring in the house as a house plant