



Fountain Information

Installation

Popes Garden Center offers delivery and full installation of all fountains under 1,000 pounds provided the proper site preparations are made in advance. A fee of \$50.00 per person is required for set-up plus a fuel surcharge to be determined. Delivery of all fountains over 1,000 pounds will be outsourced to Caylor Landscaping or independent contractor of customer's choice. Free in-store consultation is offered for customers who choose to self-install.

Site Preparation

The customer is responsible for site preparation for fountain installation. Pedestal fountains require a firm, level surface. If fountain is to be placed directly on soil, then a 24" concrete paver is recommended. If it is a basin based fountain it may be installed directly onto a firm, level soil surface. If the basin is to be installed directly onto a hard surface, one of several special requirements must be made in preparation for installation to prevent damage to the power cord and the basin itself. One acceptable method of preparation is to apply a thin layer of sand 3/4" to 1". Another recommendation is to prepare a rubber mat of 1/2" to 3/4" in thickness with proper allowance for passage of power cord. These can usually be purchased from trunk liner distributors such as Tractor Supply. The most desirable recommendation is to provide a conduit of at least 2" diameter for power cord. This application will allow for easier removal and replacement of pump should it be needed. If an electrical box is to be installed for fountain, consult an electrician regarding local code requirements.

All fountains recycle water from a provided reservoir or basin which is built in. A nearby source of water is convenient. An outlet of 110 volts with ground allowance is required for installation of all fountains.

Maintenance

The customer is solely responsible for proper upkeep of the pump and fountain. The following guidelines will assist in that endeavor:

- All pumps are submersible and must be provided a constant minimum of clean water for operation. Inadequate water levels will damage or destroy the pump. Pumps will periodically need to be cleaned of debris to prevent clogging and allow proper operation. Pumps must be unplugged before and during cleaning. Popes' knowledgeable staff will provide you with specific instructions for cleaning your fountain.
- For warm season care it is important to monitor the water level to assure that the pump can properly operate. An algaecide may be added to the water to prevent algae build-up. Do not use bleach for this purpose, as it may damage the patina of the fountain and the pump filter.
- For winter care it is recommended that proper preparation is made to prevent damage from the freeze-thaw cycles. Fountains should be drained completely, including all components which might hold water. If this cannot be accomplished outside then the fountain should be disassembled and moved inside. If the fountain must be left outside, we suggest you remove all pumps, rubber stoppers, drain pipes, finials and small components. Fountain should then be wrapped with burlap or any absorbent material. Finally, cover and secure the fountain with dark plastic to prevent moisture from accumulating in the fountain.