Fish Pond Cleaning Checklist

Daily

_____ Remove excess food and debris from skimmer
_____ Monitor water level and top off if necessary
_____ Evaluate fish swimming behavior and appetite (make note if anything seems different)
_____ Check water temperature

Weekly

_____ 10% water change using backwash operation (OR vacuum)
   **Please note: this is only a general guideline. Cleaning frequency and volume will be determined by bioload, size of tank and filtration capability.**
_____ Perform water quality testing if new fish or equipment have been added within last 2 months
_____ Remove dead leaves from any live plants

Monthly

_____ Perform water quality testing if NO new fish or equipment have been added within last 2 months
_____ Move substrate around with long pole or rake
_____ Shake biological filtration or rinse gently in reserved pond water

Seasonally

_____ Pond deep cleaning to remove excess algae and debris
   **If your pond has not be thoroughly cleaned in more than 1 year, it is recommended your fish be removed and placed in a temporary tub prior to cleaning.**
_____ Check water bill and see if any increases could point out pond leaks

Yearly

_____ Change UV bulb
_____ Buy new water test kit