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