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Some Random Landscape Thoughts

Garden ponds have been a popular request for enhancing an existing garden or a new design build install. One of the main reasons people are choosing ponds over a waterfall or fountain, is the fact that they can have beautiful fish. It is important to make sure you have a pond that promotes the health of your fish. Here are a few things to consider before you stock your new pond.

- * **Size matters:** It all starts with the size of your pond. It needs to be large enough to support fish and their growth. Pond fish generally need 10 gallons of water for every inch of their length. Fish do grow, so be sure not to overstock. Overcrowded ponds can result in ecological strain, the pH tends to sag, the fish tend to grow more slowly and disease can become a common occurrence.
- * **Sunshine:** Ponds that have some sunlight is beneficial to the fish because of the valuable vitamins produced. The sunlight will also help the plants in your pond grow, which reduces nitrates in the water.
- * **Two feet deep:** Koi aren't very picky when it comes to pond depth. Be sure your pond is 2 to 2 1/2 feet deep to give the fish a chance to get away from any predators.
- * **Balancing levels:** The quality of your water is critical to pond fish health, you want to make sure your water is balanced. The proper mix of fish, plants, filtration, circulation, and rocks/gravel will all provide an important role in the ponds ecosystem.

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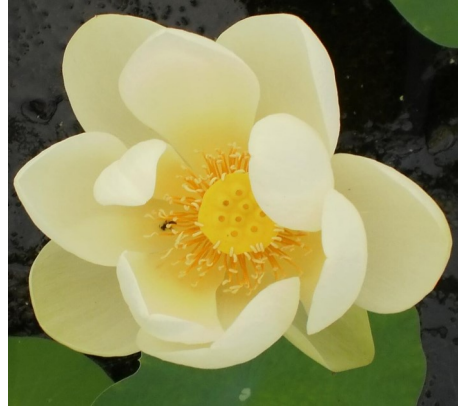
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Koi Fish are Perfect for Ponds

