

# Woodlands Nurseries

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## ADDING FISH TO YOUR POND

### Water quality

Prior to purchasing additional fish for your pond it is important to consider whether the pool is large enough. You need to allow 1" of fish (body) per 1 square foot of surface area. It is important that the pond has become established and that the water quality is suitable for the introduction of pond fish. The following points will provide you with information regarding the ideal conditions:

- PH ranges between 0 (extremely acid) to 14 (extremely alkali). The ideal being 6.5 -7.5 for fish.
- Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>/NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), it is recommended that this is as near as possible to zero. Concentrations of more than 0.25 mg/l for extended periods can be harmful.
- Nitrite (NO<sub>2</sub>), it is recommended that this is as near as possible to zero. Concentrations of more than 1.60 mg/l for extended periods can be harmful.
- Nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub>), ideal water conditions 0 mg/l - 25 mg/l. 50 mg/l may cause algae growth, 100 mg/l and above is unsuitable.
- GH ideal between 4° and 10° DH
- Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>), is recommended between 8 and 10 mg/l, for water temp below 20°C

### Transportation

- To transport your fish you would ideally place your fish in the coolest part of your car
- On arrival at home, place the unopened bag in the pool and shelter if necessary from the sun, leave for the temperature to become even, this will take approximately 30 minutes
- After 30 minutes open the bag, by rolling down the top, add some pond water and again leave for 30 minutes
- You may then release your fish