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# Installing a Skimmer

Before installing your Skimmer you need to make sure and place it in the correct area of the pond. The pond excavation should already be completed and the pond liner installed.

## PLACEMENT

1. Place the Skimmer opposite the waterfall or filter return line.
2. Avoid placing rocks or plants in front of the Skimmer. Anything placed in front of the Skimmer may interfere with the operation of the Skimmer.
3. Waterfalls generally face the viewing area. Place the Skimmer so it faces the waterfall. This hides the Skimmer from view and allows easy access.

## EXCAVATION

Excavate the location for the Skimmer 3 to 6 inches larger than the Skimmer itself. Compact and level the soil in the bottom of the hole. Measure for depth based on size of Skimmer opening and full water level in the pond. Dig a trench for the pipe going from the Skimmer to the waterfall.

## INSTALLATION

Place the Skimmer in the hole and make sure that there is equal spacing all around the Skimmer. Make sure the Skimmer is level side-to-side and front to back. The level the Skimmer should be determined by the full water level of the pond. The skimmer opening should have 1 to 2 inches above the full water line of the pond. Once the level is determined, backfill around the Skimmer with fresh soil free of rocks and debris.

Follow the Skimmer manufacturer's recommendations for installing the liner to the front of the Skimmer. Install the pump either in the Skimmer for a submersible pump or install a pick up line for an external pump. Connect plumbing using quick disconnect union to allow for easy pump removal and cleaning. Hook up the line to the waterfall and the Skimmer is ready for use. Clean Skimmer baskets and filter media as needed throughout the season.

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