Suggested Products
Pond Salt
Salt Test Kit

SALT - IT'S BENEFITS AND USES

At the recommended levels, NON-IODIZED salt will significantly reduce parasitic problems, stress on fish, and is excellent for the removal of string algae. ONLY NON-IODIZED SALT SHOULD BE USED IN PONDS WITH FISH. Salt promotes a healthy slime coat. This aids the fish in fighting off parasites and bacterial infections. The chlorides in salt enable the fish to better handle the stress involved in their handling, and especially helps when fish are introduced into a new environment. Salt will NOT harm your filter, and there is a large margin of error when dosing it. You would have to nearly double the recommended amount before it would do harm to koi or goldfish. The recommended level of salt is 0.3%, a dosage of 1 POUND per 40 GALLONS or 3 POUNDS per 100 GALLONS.

The biggest drawback to using salt is its effects on plants. As mentioned above, it will kill string algae. This is an excellent way to get rid of this type of algae. However, once the algae dies, it is imperative that it be removed from the pond either through the filter or by hand. Dead algae will rapidly decrease the quality of the water. Should you choose to remove string algae by using salt, provide extra aeration for the fish. Its effects on other plants are similar. Lilies, common Papyrus, and Irises are usually not bothered by a 0.3% solution. It will, however, kill hyacinths, lettuce, anacharis, duckweed, and other sensitive plants. It is best to remove any plants before you salt the pond and replace them once the salt has been diluted. Salt only becomes diluted by performing water changes. It will remain in the water for good unless gradual water changes are performed.

The level of salt in your pond may be measured with a POND CARE SALT TEST KIT available at our store. It is easy to use, extremely accurate, and inexpensive. It takes around five minutes to complete and will give you the percentage of salt in your pond. It is especially useful after water changes have been done so you will know the concentration of salt still in the pond. It gives instructions on how much salt to add to achieve the desired level.