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## Placing Aquatic Plants

### Hardy water lilies

Hardy water lilies will grow well at water depths of 12 – 24 inches over the top of the pot. The plant can be placed in the pot at an initial depth of six inches and then lowered to its final placement of 12-24 inches as the plant grows. If the pond is in full sun, the minimum amount of water over the top of the pot should be from 6-8 inches for the plant to grow well. If the pond is in the shade (less than six hours of sun a day), then six inches of water is sufficient in order for the growing tip to receive enough light. Hardy water lilies can be placed in the pond at about 50 degree water temperature.

### Tropical water lilies

Tropical water lilies prefer to grow at water depths of 12 inches but will tolerate 6-8 inches of water over them. Wait until your water is warmed up to 70 degrees (usually Memorial Day or so). These are not winter hardy and must be removed from the pond for winter.

### Lotus

Lotus are the kings of the water garden, some growing to over 5 feet in height with leaves close to 2 feet across. They like to have at least 4-6 inches of water over them. Blooms grace the plants in mid summer, followed by distinctive seed pods. Lotus can be placed in the pond when the water temperature reaches 50 degrees.

### Marginals

Most marginals do well with 1-3 inches of water above the crown. They can be placed in the pond when the water temperature is 50 degrees.

### Submerged Plants

Submerged plants are sold by the bunch and help promote clear water. Hornwort and Anacharis are usually winter hardy in Ohio. If you have not wintered them over they can go in the water at around 50 degree water temperature.

### Floaters

Tropical floaters (annuals) are the impatiens and petunias of the water garden. Easy to grow in full sun or shade. They should be placed in the water when the temperature reaches 70 degrees.

In order to conveniently adjust the water depth over the pots, brick or inverted pots can be used as props under the plants to position them.



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