

# Install a Disappearing Fountain and enjoy the soothing sounds of water without a waterfall.

Disappearing Fountains can be created from almost anything. A glazed ceramic pot makes a good one, as does a large rock or piece of granite. A disappearing fountain or bubbling rock make a wonderful addition to the patio, the garden or as a feature in your entry.

The pre-molded reservoir boxes come in three different sizes, 2' X 2', 3' X 3', or 4' X 4', and include a heavy duty grate to hold the water feature and a plastic mesh to hold the rocks or decorative stones. All reservoirs are 14" deep.

The parts you need come in a kit from the Pond Pro Shop. You choose the vase, pot, or rock; have it drilled and plumbed and you're ready to go. The boxes can be buried in the ground (as shown) or set on top of the ground and surrounded with builders blocks or natural stones.



## Directions to Install—

1. Using the reservoir box as a guide, dig a hole approximately 14" deep and fill it with 1" of sand. Since it is important that your water feature set level, spend a little time making sure the bottom of the hole is as level as you can get it. The sand will help once you place the reservoir box in place.



2. Place the box in the hole and using a carpenter's level, insure it is level in all directions.

3. Backfill with soil around the box and tamp it in firmly.



4. Cut a trapdoor in one corner of the heavy grate. This is how you will reach the pump if maintenance is required. The hole will be covered with the mesh and cobblestone when you finish off the fountain.

5. Place cinder blocks in the box. The grate and box are designed so a cinder block is just the right height. The number of blocks will depend on the size of the box being used. The larger the box, the more blocks you will need for support. If the grate is two pieces, as in the 4 x 4, insure blocks are under the split. Make certain blocks are under the decorative item you plan to use. Depending on the size, it may be very heavy once filled with water. Light pieces may set on the grate directly over the top of the blocks. Heavier or taller pieces may have to set directly on the bottom or on a block. This may mean you have to cut away a portion of the grate.



6. Place the plastic mesh over the grating and cut a hole for the tubing. Thread the tubing through this hole and out the trapdoor.

7. Install the bulkhead fitting in the pot or vase so the tubing and the standpipe can be connected.



8. Install the barb fitting in the bulkhead. Connect the tubing to the fitting and tighten the clamp. Pots that hold a large volume of water will need a check valve or standpipe inside to prevent too much water from flowing out when the pump is turned off. The standpipe also provides the plume of water at the top or allows for a diffuser to keep down splash.



**Kits are available in three sizes (2', 3', 4') and contain the reservoir box, grate, mesh, cinder blocks, 950 GPH pump, tubing, ball valve, decorative rock and fittings.**



9. Place the pump inside the box by attaching it to the tubing near the trapdoor. Handling large pots can be a two-man job. Once the pot is in place, level it using shims or small pieces of stone.

10. Place the trapdoor back on the grate and cover with the mesh. The trapdoor is supported by the ledge around the edge and the cinder block you put under there earlier. Add the decorative stone or rock around the piece on top of the mesh.



11. Add water, turn on the pump, sit back and enjoy your new water feature.

**NOTES:**

- Most pumps have an 18' cord
- A licensed electrician should be used for any needed electrical work
- Before digging, check for buried utilities

See a member of the Pond Pro staff for technical assistance.

**Choose the Right Reservoir**

Although you may be tempted to choose a small reservoir to save space, here are some thoughts for you to consider...

- A larger reservoir means less need for refilling.
- Tall pieces need a bigger box to allow for splash.
- You may want to add additional pieces at a later date.
- Greater flow creates more of the soothing sounds of water.



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