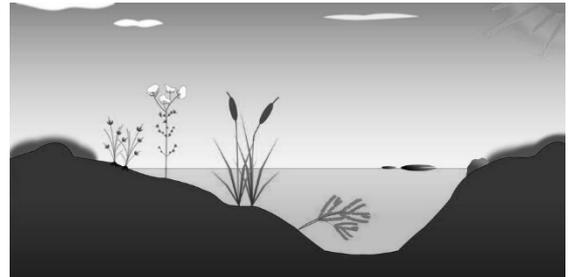


Ponds on the allotment

Requirements for having a pond on the allotment

If at anytime the pond falls into disrepair, then you may lose it and be asked to fill it in.

1. A small pond can now be created on your plot however ponds must be approved by the committee **before** construction, there will be size restrictions, wildlife and safety considerations and they must be within the 40% non-cultivation area. You must not to bury a tub, tank or bath below ground level.
2. Your pond can either be dug into the ground or in a container e.g., old sink or tub – *above* ground.
 - a. Max size 1m x 1m, max depth 0.500m – any shape.
3. Your pond must have an escape route for wildlife, a ramp made of stones so they can get out safely. Make different levels. Use marginal aquatic plants and the wildlife will love them.
4. Ponds in the ground and container ponds must be safe:
 - a. Make sure the pond is *very* visible.
 - b. Do not site your pond at the edge of your plot.
 - c. Make a small fence/barrier around it to ensure no-one can accidentally fall in.
 - d. If you have a container pond then a rigid metal mesh over it is essential, plants can grow through it and insects, birds and small mammals can still access the water.
 - e. Keep your pond well maintained and don't let it get overgrown.
5. Only fill your pond with rainwater and keep it well topped up. If you have a shed, fit a water butt to collect the water for you.
6. Sit back and watch the wildlife arrive!



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Pond application

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Plot holder name:



Indicate position of pond on the allotment plot.